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THE MORPHIA TRAFFIC CASE.

HAYNES GIVES EVIDENCE THIS MORNING.

ALLEGED REFERENCE TO HUGE PROFITS.

ARMS DEAL MENTIONED.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, an interesting stage was reached in the case in which James Christie, a British subject, and C. Blum, a Latvian, were charged before Mr. Lindsell with undertaking to procure and supply a large quantity of morphia.

Mr. Leslie E. Haynes, whose services were utilised by the police in arranging a trap which resulted in the arrest of the accused men, gave evidence this morning, stating that after Christie's arrival in the Colony, witness had several meetings with him, at which the subject of a deal in drugs was discussed.

Witness proceeded to quote the alleged conversation with Christie after the latter had returned from a visit to Swatow and Canton, when it was stated that morphia could be procured at about \$6 per kilogram, and sold for over \$600, and an offer was made to "split the difference" with Haynes.

During the giving of evidence there were frequent references to a suggested deal in arms. The further hearing was adjourned to Thursday morning.

A PRIVATE OFFICE AT YAUMATI.

The trial was continued this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Mr. T. H. King, the Director of Criminal Intelligence prosecuted whilst the defendants were represented by Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask.

Au Yeung King Hing, the Chinese Police Reservist who posed as a potential buyer of the drug during the working out of the police trap, was again put in the witness box.

In answer to Mr. Leask, witness said that the first instructions he had in this case was from the police, and not from Haynes. Regarding the conversations alleged to have taken place at Christie's house, witness said that he held a conversation with the first defendant through the interpretation of Mr. "K." Witness, continuing, said that he spoke a little Malay, but stated that he did not converse with Christie in that language.

Mr. Leask: You said the defendant asked you "Do you want Morph?" Was that in English?—Yes.

I put it to you that "Morph" was never used at any interviews by the first defendant?—It was used.

You said yourself the word used was "stuff" or "cargo."—It was used on a later occasion.

Mr. Leask then suggested that the witness saw Christie in the role of an oil merchant, and that the discussion which took place was for a deal of 2,500 cases at \$3.50 per case. Witness denied this.

Regarding the \$300 which was paid over to Christie, witness in answer to Mr. Leask said that that was a deposit against the delivery of the morphia and not as a part payment of Mr. Blum's passage to Shanghai.

Mr. Leask: Did the defendants at any time attempt to conceal anything from you?—No.

When the police knocked at the door did Christie say "Muskoe, open the door"?—Yes.

Were you not introduced to Christie as a man who would open up agencies all over South China for the sale of a certain kind of oil?—No.

Haynes Gives Evidence.

Leslie Ernest Haynes, called to the witness-box, stated he became acquainted with Christie in Shanghai, being first introduced to him last year, prior to coming to Hongkong.

He next saw Christie in September of this year, in the lounge of the King Edward Hotel. Christie beckoned to him from another table, and they had a conversation in the middle of the room. Christie said he particularly wanted to see witness and asked him to call as soon as possible at his room at No. 5, Victoria Gardens, Kowloon, which was a boarding house.

In accordance with this arrangement, witness called the following Saturday, and the conversation that followed first turned on a deal in arms, as regards which Christie said he desired Haynes to take a part. Later, Christie referred to a likely deal in heroin.

Mr. King:—About this deal in arms, is there anything in it connected with Hongkong?—
Mr. Lindsell:—I cannot take that down.

Mr. King:—I should like to make this clear.

Mr. Lindsell:—Anyway, it is not evidence in the present case. The two men had a discussion on arms; that is all I can take down.

Resuming, witness said that Christie asked him if he could get in touch with any Chinese buyer, a handsome commission being promised by Christie, who said that prices in heroin were cheap.

Christie said he had sold some heroin and that a consignment was being sent to Shanghai in charge of a man who was referred to by Christie as "Georgie."

The interview was abruptly terminated by the entry of an important-looking Chinese, and witness was told to quit.

Decided to Report.

On returning to his residence at St. George's Hotel, witness deliberated over the interview, and at length decided to report what had passed between him and Christie to the Director of Criminal Intelligence.

Mr. T. H. King at Police Headquarters. He was instructed by Mr. King to carry on, and keep the police informed of developments.

Witness next heard from Christie on November 1. Before this, Christie had left a note stating that he was going to Swatow, and it was to Christie in Swatow that witness wrote a letter saying that he had got a prospective Chinese customer, and would expect to hear from Christie on his return to Hongkong.

On November 2, witness received a letter from Christie in Canton (apparently he had gone there from Swatow) in which Christie requested witness to carry on negotiations with the Chinese buyer until his return. Witness sent this letter from Christie, with a covering note, to the Director of Criminal Intelligence.

Two days afterwards (Nov. 4) witness received another letter from Christie, who had returned, and was staying in Kowloon, asking witness to call the next evening.

Witness had recourse to this stage of the evidence to his diary, in referring to dates, and he said that it was on Saturday (Nov. 5) that he went over to Victoria Gardens, at 2.30 in the afternoon. He found Christie there. The first part of the conversation between them again dealt with the arms deal, and then Christie referred to drugs. He said that he had read particulars in the newspapers of

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FLOOD HAVOC.

AN ALGERIAN CITY WIPED OUT.

LARGE LOSS OF LIFE.

Paris, Nov. 28.

Sixty Europeans and hundreds of native have perished in the floods in the town of Mostaganem, in Algeria, not Mostaghem, as previously cabled.

While it is believed that owing to a timely telephone warning not a single inhabitant remained in the town when the flood leapt on the town with a roar, at 100 miles an hour, sweeping everything before it, there were nightmare scenes at Mostaganem, where the citizens were peacefully sleeping when a burst conduit discharged an overwhelming torrent into the main square.

Houses collapsed like castles of cards, and were swallowed up, with whole families, in the gulf dug by the rushing waters, which in the space of 45 minutes had obliterated the law courts and 60 large buildings, leaving a ravine 60 feet deep.

Native houses were swept like chaff, and hundreds of the occupants disappeared.—*Reuter.*

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Dams Give Way After Rain.

Paris, Nov. 28.

Heavy rains have caused widespread havoc in Algeria. A dam burst west of Fergoud and an appalling catastrophe at Perregaux, which is situated below the dam, was narrowly averted by the presence of mind of an engineer who telephoned a warning enabling all the inhabitants to escape to the upper parts of their houses or to the neighbouring hills.

Up to the present it is impossible to ascertain the number of casualties in the outlying districts. The damage is estimated at many millions of francs. The conduit through which the river flows below the town of Mostaganem burst and low-lying parts of the town were flooded. Twenty-eight were drowned.

Later.

When the dam burst enormous masses of masonry were swept away by the force of the rushing waters. The water rose from six to nine feet within the houses at Perregaux. The inhabitants are destitute. The first food supplies available came by train from Algiers.

The Algerian State railway works at Perregaux were severely damaged. Trains were telescoped by the rushing waters and part of the Oran line was swept away. Most strenuous efforts are being made to supply milk to the children in marooned trains.—*Reuter.*

A SPY SCARE IN FRANCE.

FOUR MEN ARRESTED.

Paris, Nov. 28.

Four persons, whose names have not been divulged, have been arrested following an investigation by the French Criminal Investigation Department in connection with the leakage of information as regards national defence.

The arrested men are alleged to be in the employ of a foreign spy organisation, and to have stolen documents from military officials of the Versailles garrison.—*Reuter.*

Later.

The arrested men are two printers, a soldier, and taxation official. No information has been given as regards the foreign country concerned.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN FLIGHT MISHAPS.

ATLANTIC ATTEMPT ABANDONED.

Horta, Nov. 28.

The Junker seaplane D1230, which has made several unsuccessful efforts to cross to the American coast, has had another mishap. When rising on a trial flight this morning, it bent the port floaters and stanchions.

The flight to Newfoundland has now been abandoned, and the seaplane will be shipped back to Germany.—*Reuter.*

CHINESE DEMAND FOR DEATH RAYS.

THE SHANGHAI CAUSE CELEBRE.

WIDLER'S TRIAL OPENS.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Nov. 29.

The trial of Widler, a co-accused with Crawley in the recent arms deal swindle, has opened here.

The accused is in a defiant mood, frequently refusing to answer questions, and not concealing his participation in arms transactions, besides volunteering information that he traded in "death rays," for which there is a considerable demand among certain Chinese.

An application for a change of the venue of the trial to Switzerland was refused, the prosecuting counsel preferring the atmosphere of Shanghai.

SHEIKHS GOING TO WAR.

TROUBLE ON THE IRAK FRONTIER.

Basra, Nov. 28.

The Sheikh of Koweit has been urgently recalled from a visit to Basra, owing to the advance of a large force of Wahabis, under

A COOLIE'S CRIME.

Mrs. Forestier, Murderer Confesses.

Shanghai, Nov. 29.

On the opening of the trial of the man arrested for the murder of Mrs. Forestier, a remarkable story was told of the death drama, as unfolded by the coolie, who confessed to making the attack, and pleaded self-defence.

He claimed that his wages had been withheld, so he demanded them, whereupon the deceased became enraged and assaulted him.

The coolie was remanded, pending the apprehension of a third suspect.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Feisal-ed-Dowish, against Koweit.

Every effort is being made to cope with the emergency and warn the tribesmen on the Koweit frontier.

It was previously reported that Feisal-ed-Dowish had concentrated 5,000 troops on the Irak border, following a dispute over the construction of a police post at Nasiriyah, which Feisal-ed-Dowish's brother attacked on November 14, killing and wounding five policemen and 12 labourers.

British bombing planes recently have been closely watching the frontier.—*Reuter.*

LIQUOR WHERE LEAST EXPECTED.

A STILL ON "PUSSYFOOT'S" FARM.

Smithville Plate, Nov. 28.

A dismantled still, consisting of fourteen 200-gallon copper boilers and coils of tubing and other apparatus, has been found in a clump of trees, on "Pussyfoot's" Johnson's farm near here.

The police are searching for the bootleggers.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2/- 5/18.
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VILNA QUARREL.

COUNTER CHARGES LODGED.

LEAGUE TO INTERVENE.

London, Nov. 28.

Although the unsatisfactory relations which have existed for some time between Poland and Lithuania have undoubtedly developed into a situation of some tension, the view generally held in the British Press is that, despite the undoubted dangers, many of the reports exaggerate the actual state of affairs.

The League Council which meets next Monday will take up the consideration of the issues involved.

The Lithuanian Government recently invoked Article eleven of the Covenant in reference to Polish action during the schools dispute last month, and now the Polish Government have decided to direct League Council's action to the continuance of what is called a "State of War," between Lithuania and the Polish condition of affairs which precludes normal diplomatic relations, between two members of the League.

The Polish Government will request the League to use its influence to end this abnormal state of affairs. In meantime the Polish Government, as means of dispersing current rumours, have explicitly declared that they have no intention of infringing territorial independence, and that they require only the establishment of friendly relations between the two countries.

The British Press in their comment urge the advisability, upon governments concerned, of maintaining discretion both in action and word if the situation is not to be further exaggerated and if international sympathy is not to be alienated.—*British Wireless.*

Poland's Accusations.

London, Nov. 28.

"The peaceful desires of the Polish Government regarding Lithuania continue to be frustrated by the categorical refusals of successive Governments in Lithuania, who pretend to-day, as in the past, that their country remains in a state of war with Poland. The Polish Government is of opinion that this unique and unprecedented state of affairs, which implies great dangers for the pacific collaboration of the nations, cannot be allowed to continue."

This passage, in a note presented to the Foreign Office by the Polish Minister in London, draws attention to the complaint by Lithuania, to the next session of the League Council, against the Polish Government, "which has no intentions against the political independence and territorial integrity of Lithuania."

Statement in Parliament.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. A. C. N. Dixey, Mr. G. Lockyer Lampson said that the Government had watched with grave anxiety the growing Polish-Lithuanian tension. They were most relieved at the fact that the Council of the League of Nations was about to examine the question, and trusted that a settlement would result, restoring the friendly relations of the two States.

They had no confirmation of the alarmist rumours in the press, and were confident that neither country would be so unwise as to take any rash action while the deliberations of the League were pending. He concluded by quoting the Polish Government's note on the matter, which he said had been sent to the Powers represented on the Council of the League.—*Reuter.*

Lithuania's Version.

Geneva, Nov. 28.

The Baltic affair will come up at the League Council meeting next week, on consideration of a note from Lithuania accusing Poland of warlike intentions. The Lithuanian note specifically charges Poland with repressive measures against the Lithuanian schools in the Vilna and Grodno districts.

The simultaneous presence here of Marshal Pilsudski, of Poland, M. Valdemaras, of Lithuania, and M. Litvinoff, representing Soviet Russia, who are thus able to converse privately, it is hoped will prove a safety valve.—*Reuter.*

RIVER STEAMER GOES ASHORE.

S.S. ANJOU AND WING HONG COLLIDE.

SLIGHT DAMAGE DONE.

On arrival from the West River early this morning, the S.S. Anjou reported that she had been in collision with the S.S. Wing Hong near Pakhau Village, while both vessels were en-route to Kongmoon, with the result that the Wing Hong was driven ashore and remains hard and fast, the grounding taking place at extreme low water.

It is learned that both vessels were proceeding upwards at 3 a.m. on Monday morning, and for reasons which are not at present explained, the vessels converged, with the result that in order to avoid serious damage, the master of the Wing Hong steered into the bank, but not before a collision occurred.

The Anjou returned to harbour this morning with about 10 feet of the upper deck rail splintered, and stanchions twisted by the impact. Neither ship suffered serious damage. Vessels passing down report that the Wing Hong is well up on the bank, but has stated that she is not in need of assistance.

The Wing On (Captain Mutton) made an attempt to tow off the Wing Hong yesterday, but after snapping of two towing cables, was compelled to abandon the effort. The ship is in no danger, as it is understood that the armed patrol boats, H.M. Ships Faulkner and Onslaught, are standing by.

VICKERS-ARMSTRONG FUSION.

AGREEMENT BY THE SHAREHOLDERS.

London, Nov. 28.

Messrs. Armstrong Whitworth's shareholders have endorsed the scheme for fusion with Messrs. Vickers. The chairman, declaring that the fusion was urgently necessary, announced that the amount to be written off in respect of capital adjustments and losses would be at least £11,000,000.—*Reuter.*

London, Nov. 28.

Messrs. Vickers' and Messrs. Armstrong Whitworth's ordinary shareholders have ratified the agreement for a fusion of the two firms.

Messrs. Vickers' debenture-holders have also agreed to the amalgamation, only a small minority voting against it.—*Reuter.*

U.S. AIRMEN IN NICARAGUA.

SEVERAL REBELS KILLED.

Managua, Nov. 28.

A number of United States army airmen, operating near El Chipote, were fired upon by a band of 200 rebels.

The airmen flew low and bombed and machine-gunned the rebels, four of whom were killed and several wounded.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FRENCH DEPUTY SENTENCED.

FOR FOMENTING UNREST.

Paris, Nov. 28.

The Communist Deputy, M. Doriot, has been sentenced in his absence to a year's imprisonment, for inciting soldiers to disobedience with the object of fomenting anarchist propaganda.—*Reuter.*

PRINCE OF WALES' MISHAP.

THROWN IN THE HUNTING FIELD.

London, Nov. 28.

The Prince of Wales was thrown while hunting with the Quorn, but was unhurt.—*Reuter.*

NEW BOYCOTT.

ANOTHER YANGTZE INCIDENT.

USE OF BRITISH STEAMER REFUSED.

BRITAIN & SURTAXES.

Ichang, Nov. 28.

A lightning strike and boycott by lightermen at Ichang has been precipitated by the refusal of the Senior Naval Officer to allow a Chinese General and his body-guard to take passage to Shensi on a British steamer.

Full details are not available, but it is presumed that the master appealed to the S.N.O. to intervene. The boycott of British steamers by the lightermen followed closely on the action taken by the S.N.O.—*Naval Wireless.*

HANKOW OUTLOOK.

Situation Still Obscure.

Hankow, Nov. 28.

Politically, the situation remains very obscure, and reports of disputes between rival Army Commanders are still prevalent. Little advance has been made on the situation existing hitherto, and the outcome is doubtful, though a break with Nanking is still regarded as possible.—*Naval Wireless.*

PAYMENT OF SURTAXES.

No British Opposition.

London, Nov. 28.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question as to "What is the attitude adopted by His Majesty's representatives in China regarding the payment of the Washington surtaxes by British subjects," Mr. G. Lockyer Lampson said that the levy of surtaxes accorded with the policy advocated by His Majesty's Government in its memorandum of December last year, "therefore the British authorities in China do not intervene to prevent their payment."

Replying to Sir Richard Luce, regarding compensation for Mrs. Marion Smith, whose husband was murdered at Nanking in March, Mr. Lockyer Lampson said that he was following the case with close attention, and the Government intended to persist in the demand for complete reparation.—*Reuter.*

Two Exceptions.

London, Nov. 28.

A question was asked in the House of Commons as to the position regarding the Washington surtaxes in China.

Mr. Lockyer Lampson replied, "The Washington surtaxes are being levied and paid by all nationalities, at all ports, with the following exceptions,—at Shanghai the surtaxes on wines and rolled tobacco are not paid by the Japanese and Americans, and at Antung and Dairen the surtaxes are not paid on goods in the hands of Japanese."

The levy of those surtaxes is in accordance with the policy advocated by the British Government in its memorandum of December 18, 1925, and therefore the British authorities in China do not intervene to prevent their payment.—*British Wireless.*

REVERSE FOR SHANSHI.

Retreat to Capital.

Shanghai, Nov. 29.

It is reliably reported that the Shansi forces have suffered a general reverse during the past few days and their main force, under General Hsu Yung-chang, is retreating towards Taiyuan, the capital of Shansi, where preparations are being made for a final stand.

General Feng Yu-hsiang's Army is making its way into Shansi to help its allies defending that province.

The Fengtien armies are entering Shansi through five different directions.—*Nam Chung Po.*

NEWS OF EXPLOREES.

Murder Fears Dispelled.

Peking, Nov. 28.

It is officially learned that it is now established that a party of foreigners, stopped by the Tibetan authorities at Magchuka, northward of Lhasa, about a month ago, consisted of an American, Mr. Plymire, of the Assembly of God

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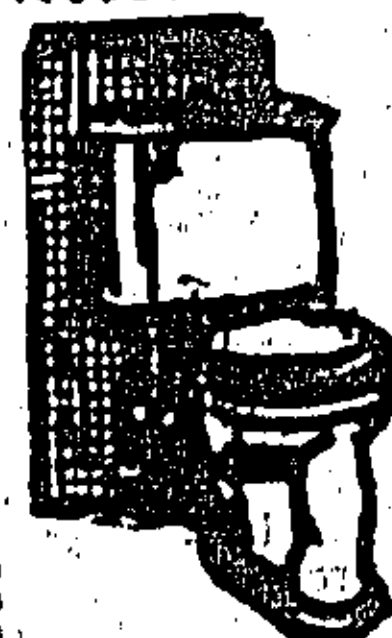
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MORPHIA CASE.

TWO EUROPEANS CHARGED.

When James Christie, otherwise known as Colonel Christie, a British subject, and C. Blum, a Latvian, were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon with undertaking to procure and supply a large quantity of morphia, it was stated that the accused were arrested by means of a police trap at No. 480 Nathan Road.

In the course of his opening statement, yesterday the Director of Criminal Intelligence, stated that after Haynes had "spontaneously" given the police information, he secured Haynes' services for the springing of a trap which resulted in the arrest of Christie and his companion.

At the outset, the Director of Criminal Intelligence handed in an amended charge altering certain dates in the original indictment; a second count which involved the same facts as the first against both prisoners; and finally, a third count against the second prisoner, Blum only, of being in the Colony without a proper passport.

Christie Well-known.

Mr. King then said: "The facts in this case cover a proposed deal in morphia. Christie has been known in Hongkong for many years, but for the purposes of this case he arrived in the latter half of September last." Prior to this, in June, 1925, a witness who will be called, a Mr. L. E. Haynes, was introduced to Christie in Shanghai. The two met again in Hongkong in the latter half of September of this year, in the King Edward Hotel, this being followed by a visit paid by Haynes to Christie's room at No. 1 Victoria Gardens, Kowloon.

Here, amongst other information, Christie told Haynes that he was engaged on a deal in morphia in North China and invited Haynes' assistance to get Chinese connections in Hongkong. Haynes, whom I have known for several months, then came to me and told what Christie had said to him. Under my instructions, Haynes watched developments and kept in touch with me.

On November 2, Haynes received a note from Christie who was then in Shanghai, and Haynes replied to it, saying that he expected to hear from Christie when he returned to Hongkong. Christie returned on November 3, and asked Haynes to call.

At this second interview which took place again at Victoria Gardens, Christie discussed an arms deal outside the Colony which he had in hand, but which had nothing to do with the present case. He then said that he had arranged for a consignment of heroin in Shanghai.

Police Reservist Introduced.

At this time I had arranged for Haynes to be introduced to a Chinese Police Reservist, who posing as a broker, was to open negotiations for the purchase of morphia. His name is Au, but for the purposes of the case, he assumed the name of Yee Siu-um, having an excellent knowledge of English and Cantonese.

The next incident occurred on November 8, when Haynes had two meetings with Christie. The first took place at 12.30 in the afternoon at St. George's House at Kennedy Road where Haynes lives. The second took place at 8.30 the same evening at No. 480 Nathan Road. This latter address had been used for some months by the two prisoners and by a certain "K," an Indian or Burman. One room was fitted out as an office, and the two prisoners had obtained hold of this for their own business transactions. They appeared to be still using it for that purpose on this date.

In the morning, Christie had introduced the second prisoner to Haynes at St. George's House and at this meeting Haynes saw to it that the question of morphia was again brought up for discussion, together with stock and prices. It was arranged that a second meeting was to take place at Christie's

office at Nathan Road, in the evening. Haynes to take along a possible Chinese buyer.

Different Names.

When Haynes arrived at the Nathan Road address he was introduced to the Burman, and the deal was again discussed, Christie insisting that his name must not be allowed to appear in correspondence. It would appear that in his deals Christie was known by other names, one of these being Remington.

The following night, Haynes again went over, this time taking with him the Chinese Police reservist with the view to introducing him to the others as a prospective buyer. Christie was not there when they arrived. The appointment miscarried. But the following morning, Blum called on Haynes at St. George's Hotel, to explain why Christie could not keep the appointment. He produced a note from Christie which, after being read, was destroyed.

At this meeting, on the morning of November 10, Blum informed Haynes that Christie had formed samples of morphia in Hongkong but would be very cautious in producing them. An appointment was then made for another meeting at No. 480 Nathan Road at 8.30 on the following night of November 11. It was kept.

Question of Deposit.

There were present the three men and the bogus buyer. Shortly after Haynes had arrived with the Chinese, the Burman appeared. As a matter of fact, he acted as interpreter in Cantonese because the bogus broker pretended not to have a good knowledge of English.

At this meeting Christie offered to sell Yee, or rather Au, as the real name of the Police Reservist, is, twenty kilograms of morphia, at \$600 per kilo. Blum was present in the room but took no part in the discussion. Prices and guarantees were discussed, at some length, and the "broker" said he had to consult his partner. Christie asked for \$1,000 deposit in the form of a guarantee, to cover considerable expense entailed by a passage to Shanghai and back. Then they left, Christie informing Haynes that he would telephone him later. He did and Haynes will tell what occurred over the telephone.

The next meeting was on Saturday, November 12, the following day. The same people were present, and arguments took place about the \$1,000 demanded by Christie as a deposit. Christie wrote two notes to Haynes in the room at No. 480 Nathan Road, which were thrown away after Haynes had read them. Christie also asked Haynes if the latter could let him have some money, which shows that the prisoners at the time were pressed for money.

Through Haynes, the "broker," fenced about the deposit, which he stipulated was to be placed in a bank or shop. Mr. Yee was not satisfied as to the proposed arrangements and would not put up cash on the spot. The result was that Christie said if Yee would pay \$200 cash down there and then Christie would keep the offer open until the following Wednesday. The "broker" again refused; he stated he must see his partner again.

Haynes on the following morning urged Christie to see the broker again, and this he did, going back on his previous word, by accepting only \$300, which Yee thought was all that would be needed to cover the cost of a trip to Shanghai and back, and other incidental expenses.

Sale Arranged.

An appointment was fixed for the handing over of this money on Wednesday November 16. Christie arranged to sell ten kilograms of morphia to the broker at the price of \$600 per kilo, delivery to be made in Hongkong. The broker agreed, and asked for a receipt for the deposit of \$300. Christie wrote the draft, which he asked Haynes to type. This was done. It was then just before 12.30 p.m.

It was arranged that the police should visit the place at 12.15 p.m.

Before this, the broker handed to Haynes three marked notes supplied by the police, and Haynes in turn passed them to Christie. The Police arrived and took both prisoners into custody. The marked notes were found in Christie's possession when he was searched.

No drugs were found on the premises. The arrest was the result of a trap. The trap arose entirely from Christie's own suggestion to Haynes to deal in the drug. A watch was kept of their movements outside the Colony but no definite knowledge came to light. The witness, Haynes, had spontaneously given information of what we required, and the "broker" was acting entirely under our instructions.

Reservist Gives Evidence.

The Chinese Police Reservist, Au Yeong King Hing, was the first witness called by the prosecution. He corroborated the story as outlined by Mr. King.

Regarding the first interview which he had with Christie, witness said that the first question put to him by Christie was "What do you want? Morphia?" Describing the details of the would-be transaction witness said that Christie offered to procure 20 kilos of morphia at \$600 per kilo and asked for a deposit of \$1,000 by witness. Christie explained that the money would be required for Blum's passage to Shanghai to arrange the deal.

The Police Reservist continuing said that he asked Christie what guarantee he would receive if he deposited \$1,000 with Christie. The first defendant replied that he "knew Haynes in London and would not lose his faith for \$10,000." The witness was offered several brands of the drug and eventually chose "Swiss," explaining to the Magistrate that he could not pronounce the names of the other brands.

A Quick Deal.

Having discussed the question of price and deposit with Christie the witness arranged another interview for a few days later, but Christie insisted on quick negotiations, producing a telegram from Shanghai which asked to put through some business quickly.

The witness called on Christie a few days later. Haynes went with him and the form of the deposit was discussed. Christie demanded \$1,000 down but the Police Reservist indicated that he would not part with any money without security from Christie. Eventually a compromise to deposit the money in any bank to be named by Christie was suggested, but even this was not accepted, Christie pointing out that he had been "done" for \$10,000 in that way on a previous occasion.

Regarding the deposit Christie climbed down to \$300 and later to \$200, but as the witness did not produce the money Christie refused to have any more to do with him.

The Police Trap.

Witness said that two days later in Mr. King's office he was handed three bogus \$100 notes and two counterfeit \$10 bills. With these notes in his pocket he went across to see Christie once again and took Haynes with him.

When they arrived at the flat Haynes handed Christie a bill which stated that "the Chinese has \$300 with him now." Christie again discussed the business and eventually drafted a receipt for the \$300, Haynes typing the form. The prospective buyer was told by Christie that he could obtain a similar supply once a month. The words "once a month" was spoken by Christie in Malay, a language which the witness understood. Just as the notes were being handed over to Christie there was a knock at the door. Christie immediately seized the notes and pushed them into his pocket. The door was opened by Blum, who was present all the time, but took no part in the conversation. The police party then arrived.

Mr. Leask applied for permission to reserve his cross-examination and this was granted. It was indicated that the second defendant might have separate legal representation when the case came up again at 11.30 to-day.

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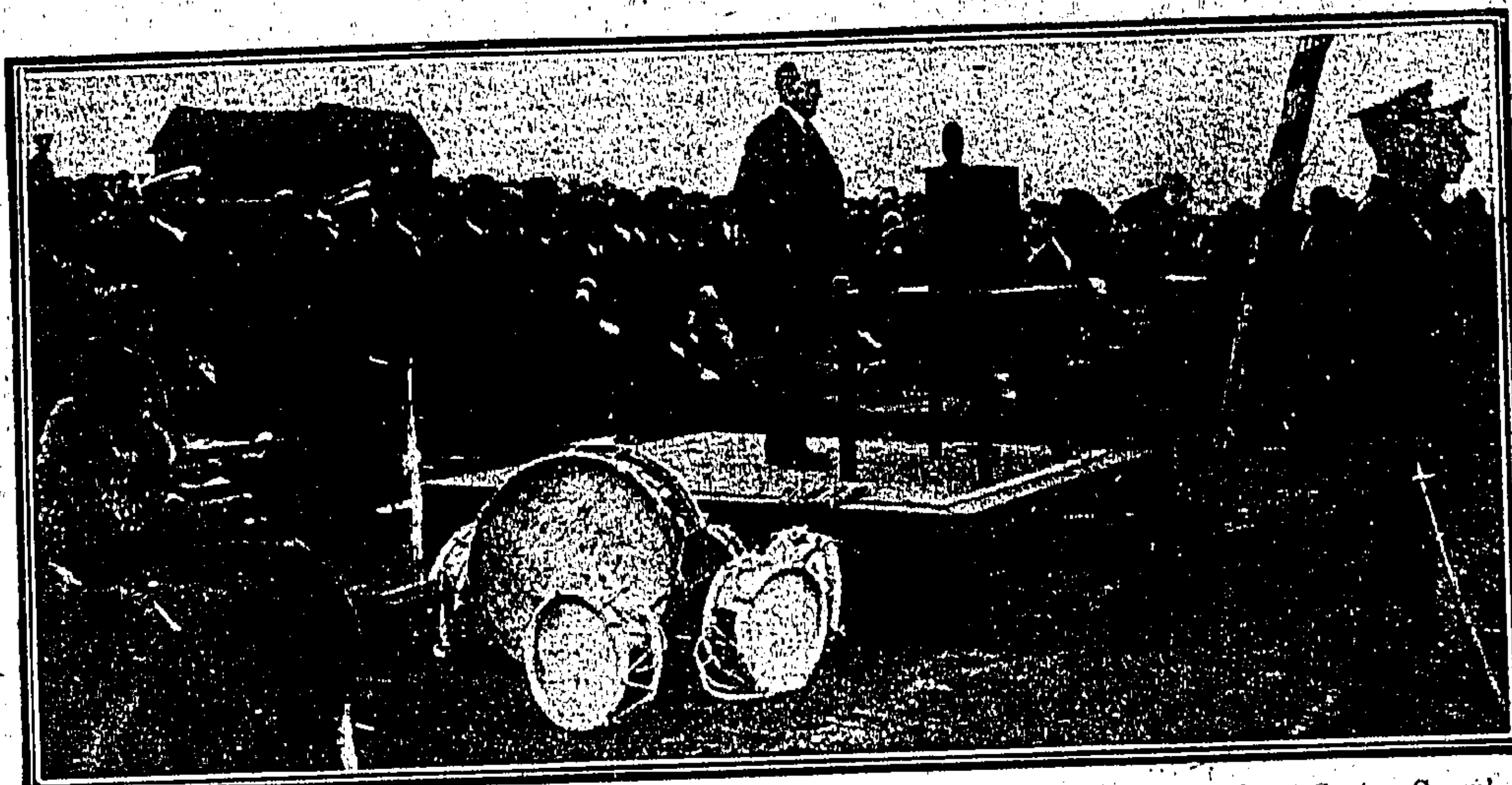
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PUFFIN AT THE ZOO.—One of the three puffins added to the London Zoological Gardens recently. (Times copyright).

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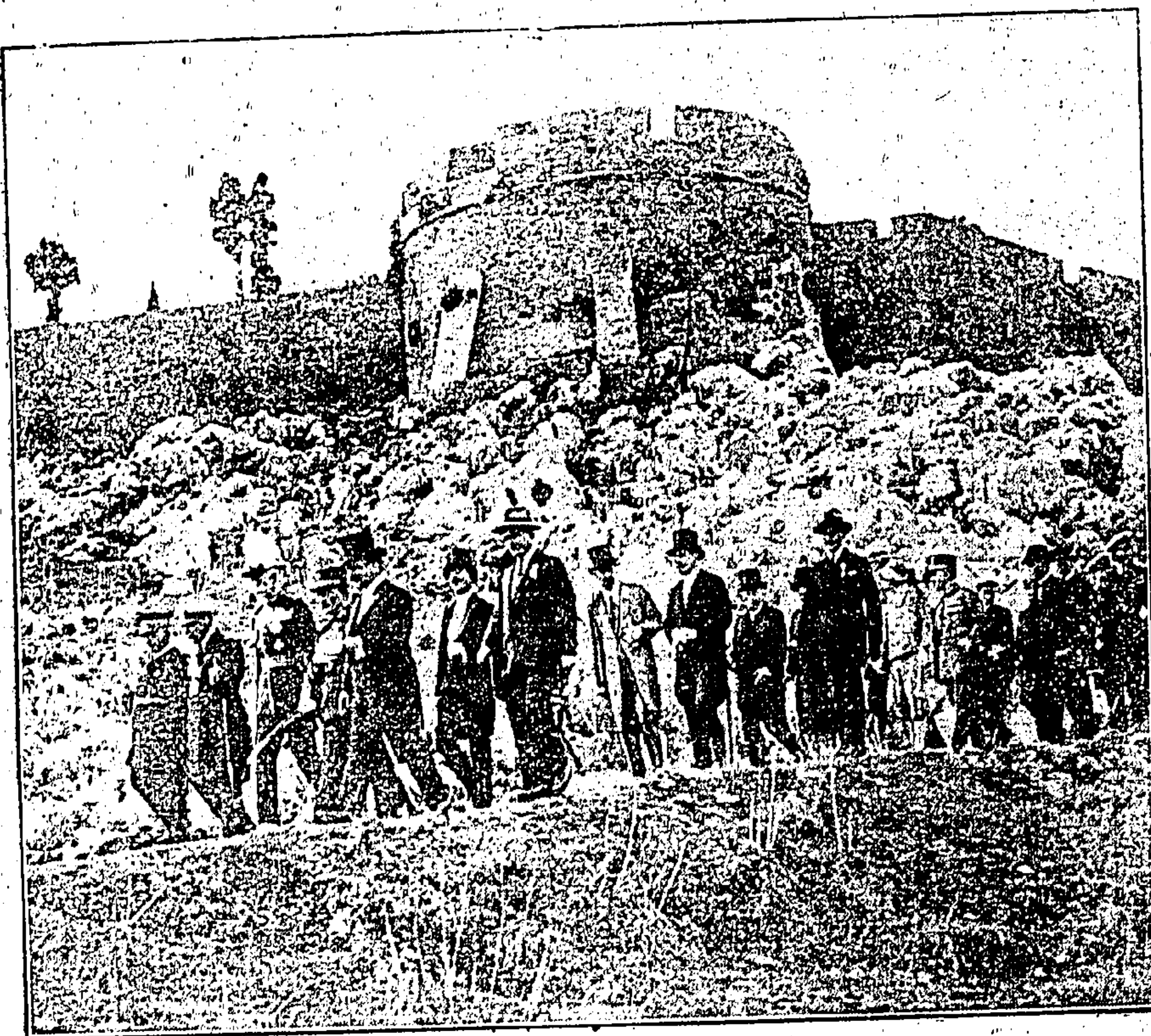
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THE NAVARINO CENTENARY.—Visitors to the celebrations of the centenary of the Battle of Navarino passing the fortresses at Pylos after attending Requiem Mass in the Cathedral. Vice-Admiral Violette, the French representative, Admiral Makkas, the Greek Naval Commander-in-Chief, and Lieutenant-General Sir Alfred Codrington, grandson of Admiral Sir Edward Codrington, who commanded the Allied Fleets at the battle, are seen in front. (Times copyright).



CHANG TSO-LIN'S TROOPS.—Fengtien troops, being transported to the Saiyuan front, are seen in this interesting photograph. The picture was taken at the railway station of Chinghua, outside the Hsi Chih Men, Peking.

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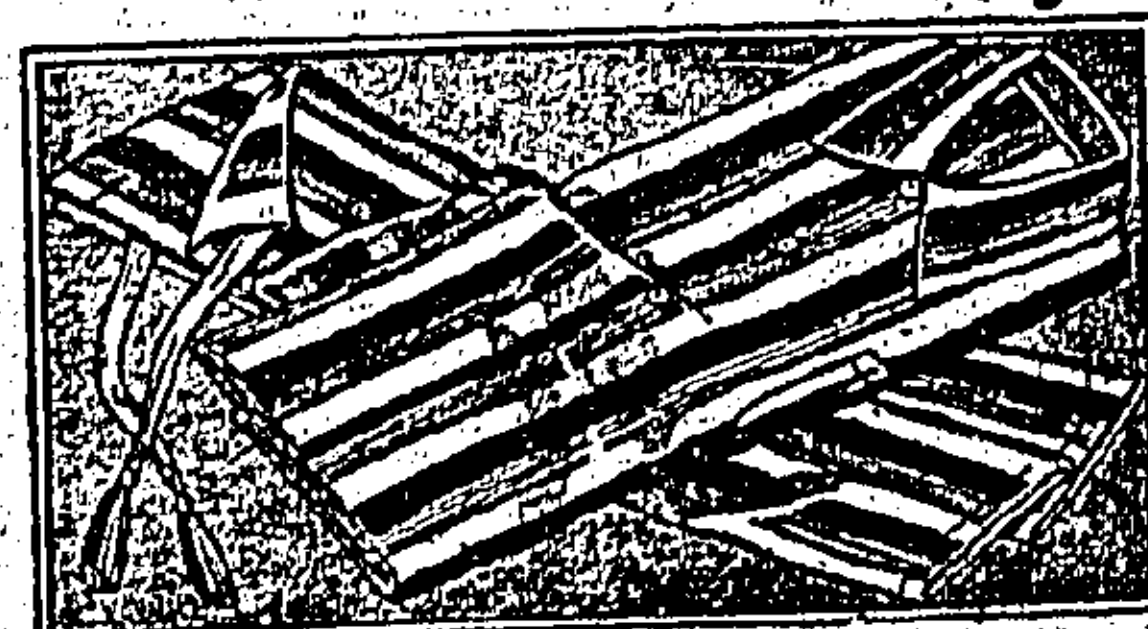
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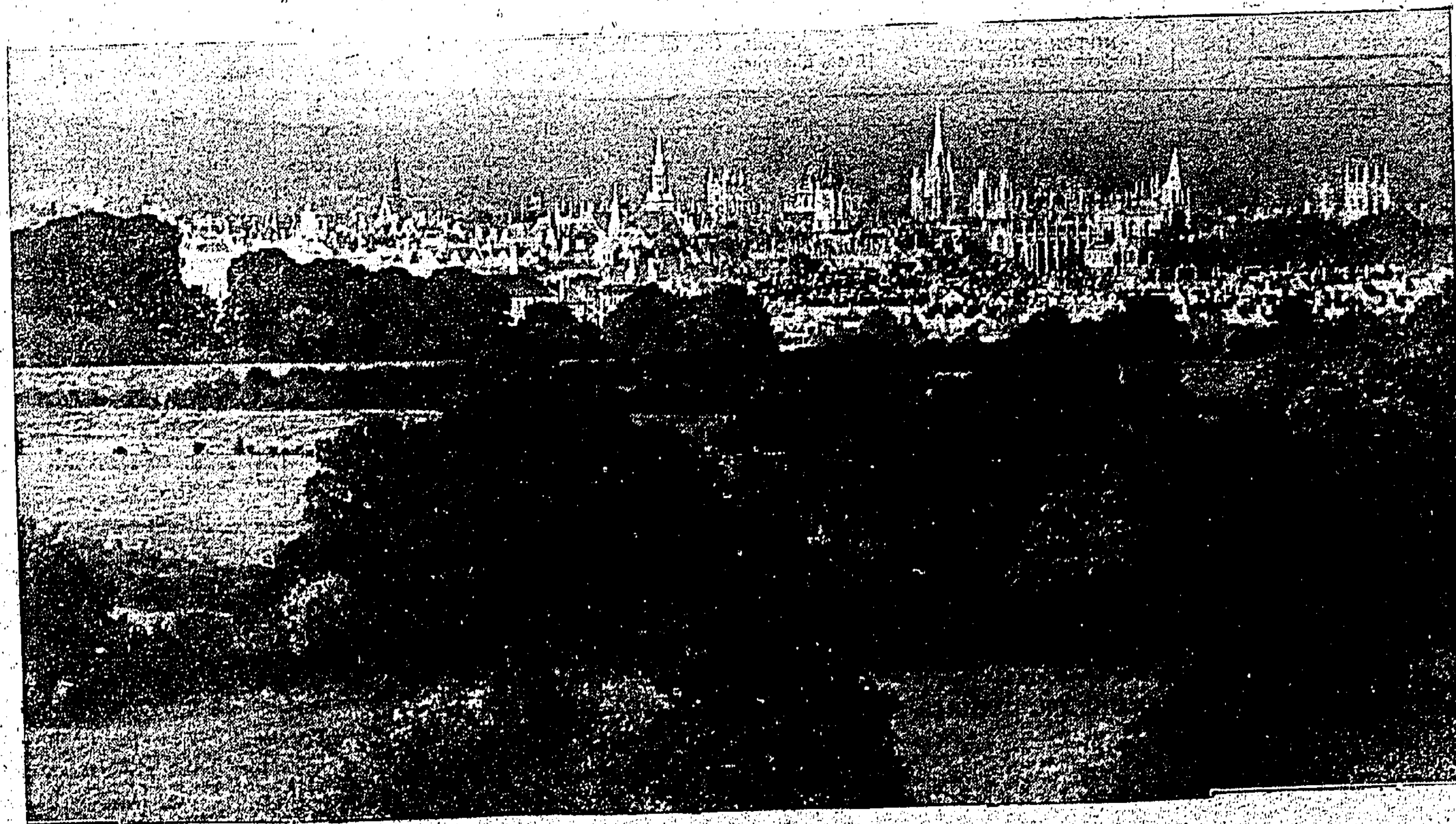
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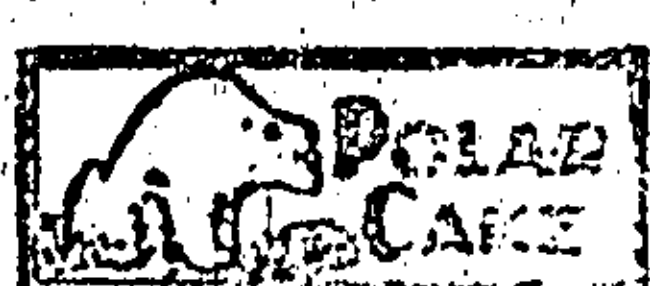
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Straits	Van Heutsz	November 29.
Japan	Tanda	November 30.
Shanghai	Shantung	November 30.
Straits	Hosang	December 1.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Adams	December 3.
Europe via Negapatam, letters and papers, London 3rd November	Tamba Maru	December 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Pierce	December 5.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	December 5.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	Emp. of Russia	December 7.
Shanghai	Manila	December 9.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and Europe via Victoria, B.C., and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Cleveland	Tues., Nov. 29.
	Parcels	1 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria, B.C. 19th December.)	
Fort Bayard	Wing Wo	Tues., Nov. 29, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Tues., Nov. 29, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hangsang	Tues., Nov. 29, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Prominent	Tues., Nov. 29, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Sarpedon	Wed., Nov. 30.

Registration 9 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
Registration 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 28th December.)

Swatow and Amoy Van Heutsz Wed., Nov. 30, 10 a.m.
Sandakan Maussang Wed., Nov. 30, 1.30 p.m.
Japan Macassar Maru Wed., Nov. 30, 2.30 p.m.

Bangkok Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa Canada Maru Wed., Nov. 30, 3.30 p.m.

Manila and parcels for Germany via Hamburg Preussen Wed., Nov. 30, 5 p.m.

Amoy and Formosa via Swatow Deli Maru Wed., Nov. 30, 5 p.m.

Java via Sourabaya Tjisaroeca Thurs., Dec. 1, 2.30 p.m.

Swatow Hydrangea Thurs., Dec. 1, 2.30 p.m.

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Chengtu Thurs., Dec. 1, 5 p.m.

Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Linan Fri., Dec. 2, 10.30 a.m.

Saigon and South Africa Santos Maru Fri., Dec. 2, 10.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Haiching Fri., Dec. 2, Noon.

Bangkok Kweiyang Fri., Dec. 2, 2.30 p.m.

Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island Tanda Fri., Dec. 2.

Parcels noon
Registration 2.45 p.m.
Letters 3.30 p.m.
(Due Thursday Island 17th Dec.)

Amoy Hosang Fri., Dec. 2, 5 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Fushimi Maru Sat., Dec. 3.

Registration Dec. 2, 4.30 p.m.
Letters Dec. 3, 9 a.m.
G.P.O.

Registration Dec. 3, 8.45 a.m.
Letters Dec. 3, 9.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 1st Jan., 1928.)

Straits and Calcutta Kutsang Sat., Dec. 3.

Parcels 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.

Weihaiwei Huichow Sat., Dec. 3, 2.30 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Hoan Maru Sun., Dec. 4, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Haihong Tues., Dec. 6, Noon.

FAMOUS CHESS PLAYER.

SOON COMING TO EAST.

Interest in chess in the Philippines may be given a decided boost in the near future if the present plans of the Philippine Chess Association materialize. That august body of masters has invited Richard Reti, European player, and one of the leading chess experts in the world to play a series of matches in Manila.

Reti is now touring the world and at the present time is completing a contract in New Zealand and will later appear in all the principal cities of the Far East.

The European master, in a letter to the local association, demanded a guarantee of Pesos 600 for a two weeks stay in the city and Pesos 1,000 for a month. He stated that he will play in Java, Singapore, Shanghai and Hongkong, according to his present schedule. The local chess association is striving to raise the necessary funds to meet Reti's demands.

COOLIES QUARREL.

BOUND OVER THIS MORNING.

A fracas amongst night soil coolies on Sunday night resulted in three of them appearing this morning before Major C. Willson, charged with the assault of a man and a woman who were employed in a similar calling.

Mr. D. McCallum appeared for the defendants and explained to the Magistrate that the parties were related in some distant way. The fracas was the outcome of one of the defendants refusing to carry out certain work for one of the complainants.

Mr. McCallum continuing said that the parties were neighbours and if any conviction were recorded against the defendants there would be more trouble. He suggested that the most desirable way would be to bind both parties over to keep the peace.

Major Willson agreed that in the interest of both sides the parties should be bound over and he accordingly directed the complainants and the defendants to sign personal bonds of \$50 to keep the peace for six months.

SANITARY BOARD ELECTION.

NOMINATION OF MR. J. P. BRAGA.

For the forthcoming vacancy on the Sanitary Board, caused by the expiration of Dr. J. C. Macgown's period of service, Mr. J. P. Braga has been nominated. He has been proposed by Mr. B. Wylie and seconded by Mr. C. M. Manners, O.B.E.

It will be remembered that Mr. Braga has been serving on the Sanitary Board during the absence from the Colony of Dr. W. V. M. Koch, and that he has done most useful service by raising various questions of public importance.

Should there be other candidates, the election will take place on December 30th. Nominations have to be in not later than 1 p.m. on December 7th.

Under the new Ordinance governing the election, all persons eligible for jury service but exempt therefrom are required to register their names with the Registrar of the Supreme Court, and those affected by this requirement should make a point of registering without delay.

THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

BRITISH DELEGATES LEAVE.

London, Nov. 28. The first section of the British delegation to Geneva left London this morning via Paris including Lord Cushenden, formerly Mr. Ronald McNeill, who will represent Britain on the Disarmament Commission, and Sir Henry Strakosch. The latter will deal with Greek, Finnish and Bulgarian questions before the Council.

Lord Cushenden, interviewed by Reuter anticipated that the Disarmament Commission would deal only with the question of establishing a security committee. He will return to London in a week.

Sir Austen Chamberlain left for Geneva on Saturday to attend the Council, the work of which is expected to last a week or ten days.—Reuter.

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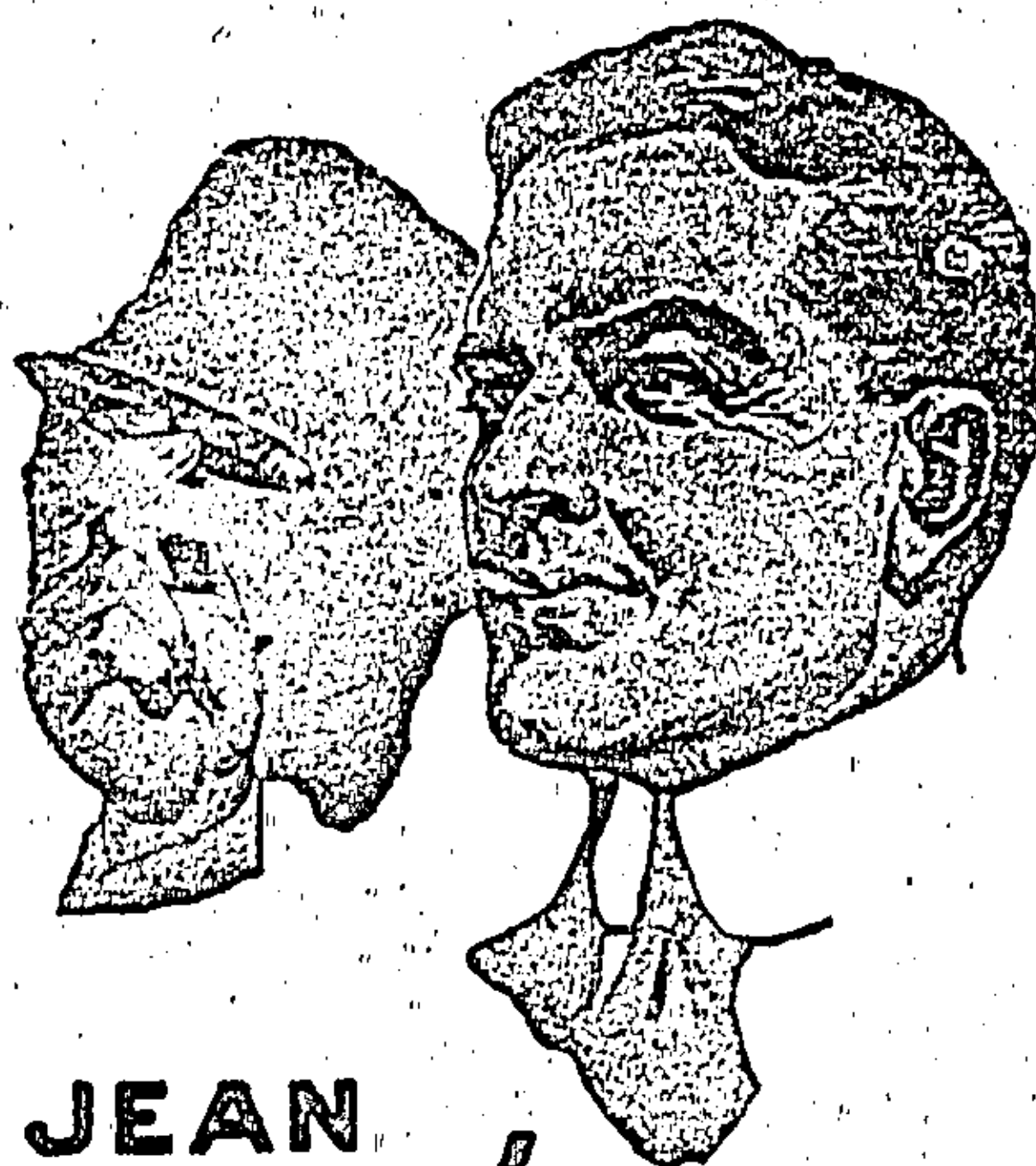
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FILIPINO LABOUR AGENTS.

A COMPLAINT FROM HONGKONG.

Three labour agents are accused of exploiting labourers they had recruited for the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association in a letter to Hermenegildo Cruz, Director of Labour in Manila, by Jose Yaptangco who is temporarily residing in Hongkong. Yaptangco writes that Felix Gorospe, Roman Romero and Nemon Romero, all of Manila, had promised Vicente Soctos, Jorge Lorenzo, Francisco Daquilon, Rufino Palado, Juan Soctos, Thomas Buiti, Mariano Corfue and Daniel Lacrito, all labourers for Hawaii, that if these labourers would pay Pesos 130 or Pesos 140 they would reach Hawaii without other expenses. The labourers paid the amount asked and sailed on the Empress of Asia. When they arrived in Hongkong they had to change their vessel and while waiting had to pay for their board and room. Most of them, however, had no money and had to sleep in the street.

This report of Mr. Yaptangco was endorsed to the Governor General by Director Cruz so that if the chief executive sees fit, the American Consul General in Hongkong may be requested by his office to investigate the matter.

The ordinary steamer passage from Manila to Honolulu according to Director Cruz, is Pesos 122.50.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"SLIDE, KELLY, SLIDE" TO-DAY.

Thrills, laughs, spectacle, drama—these are the things that go to make "Slide, Kelly, Slide," the new picture at the Queen's Theatre to-day, baseball's "Brown of Harvard." "Slide, Kelly, Slide" is the biggest baseball film in the history of the screen. The director Edward Sedgwick, filmed the World Series as a dramatic background for his story, atmosphere being provided by thousands of yelling fans in the grandstands, America's two foremost teams at death grips and other intimate glimpses of the great game. The story concerns a young "busher" who, learns to pitch, secures a place in the big team, becomes a star, gets "swelled head" thereby—and then learns his greatest lesson.

William Haines, who played the hero of "Brown of Harvard," fills the role of Kelly. Sally O'Neill makes a very poignant heroine. Harry Carey is seen in one of the most remarkable roles of the picture as the veteran catcher, preceptor and patron of the boy from the country team. Karl Dane as the lanky pitcher has a role that will be remembered almost as long as his "Slim" in "The Big Parade." Among the professional baseball players in the picture the best actors are Bob and "Irish" Meusel and Tony Lazzeri, of the Yankees, enlisted as members of the cast.

THE U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS.

NEED FOR EXPANSION.

Washington, Nov. 23. Major General Mason M. Patrick, army air chief, expressed a belief in his annual report to-day that expansion of the army air corps would be recognized as necessary even before the present five-year programme has been completed.

Major General Patrick, who retires on December 13 because of age, expressed gratification over the development of aviation during the last six years and the better understanding of how the air forces must co-operate with the ground forces.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

THE LATEST CHANGES.

Mr. A. Lockerbie, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Whangpu. Mr. F. J. C. Wilson, third engineer, Soochow, has gone third engineer, Taming. Mr. L. St. J. Raid, third engineer, Taming, has gone third engineer, Soochow. Mr. E. C. Fitzpatrick, third engineer, Sunning, is on reserve.

Mr. L. W. Waterman, third engineer, Shantung, has gone third engineer, Chenan. Mr. B. G. Edwards, third engineer, Chenan, is on reserve.

Mr. J. Johnston, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Tung-chow.

Mr. G. W. Clark, from reserve, has gone second engineer, Sheng-king.

Mr. W. S. Smith, from reserve, has gone third engineer, Luchow. Mr. W. M. Stewart, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, Chung-king. Mr. R. B. Peck, acting chief engineer, Chungking, has gone supply chief engineer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. A. N. Winstone, from reserve, has gone supply third engineer, Sinkiang.

Mr. J. J. Thompson, from shore employment, has gone third engineer, Team. Mr. R. L. Ingledew, third engineer, Team, has gone third engineer, Sinkiang.

Captain A. Dockwrey, of the Luenho, is on reserve. Captain A. S. Woodget, of the Suilwo, has gone master, Luenho. Captain H. S. Allison, from reserve, has gone master, Suilwo.

Mr. C. A. G. Roberts, second officer, Loongwo, has resigned.

Mr. A. J. N. Wood, from reserve, has gone acting chief officer, Loongwo.

Mr. W. W. Colquhoun, third engineer Kungwo, has gone acting second engineer, same ship, Mr. A. M. Maloney, second engineer, Kungwo, is on reserve.—Shipping and Engineering.

"A LOST LADY."

IRENE RICH AT WORLD THEATRE.

A popular novel furnishes the story for "A Lost Lady," the chief attraction at the 5.15 and 9.20 performances in the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The leading role, that of Marian Forrester, beautiful, young and mad for romance, at any cost, is interpreted by Irene Rich, while John Roche, Matt Moore, Victor Potal and George Fawcett are the four men who influence her life. June Marlowe, Eva Gordon, Orville McGregor and Nannette Valone complete the cast.

"A Lost Lady" tells of Marian Forrester who craves the wild, emotional joy of youth, rather than the staid content of her marriage to an elderly railway magnate. The impetuous love-making of a bold young cavalier soon wins her heart, and banishes the accusing finger of conscience, until forsaken, she gradually loses hold on herself. But then her finer side makes a poignant struggle for supremacy—and wins.

ANOTHER POLAR FLIGHT.

CAPT. WILKINS TO TRY AGAIN.

Los Angeles, Nov. 22. An aeroplane flight to the North Pole, with scientific research as its object, will be made next year by Capt. George Wilkins, the explorer.

Wilkins attempted a similar flight last year, but he was forced down and had to return to his Alaskan base on foot. The explorer is here supervising the construction of the plane.

MEXICAN PRIEST EXECUTED.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO KILL EX-PRESIDENT.

Mexico City, Nov. 23. Miguel Agustin Projuarez, described as a Catholic priest, was executed here to-day as one of the actual leaders of the attempt to assassinate former President Obregon on Nov. 13. The priest faced death calmly. He prayed and fell dead while his arms were extended in blessing.

Three other men were executed shortly after, two as leaders of the plot and the other as an occupant of the automobile used by the would be assassins.

Two bombs were hurled at Obregon while he was motoring, but he was only slightly injured. His assailants, of whom there were three, were arrested.

RONALD COLMAN.

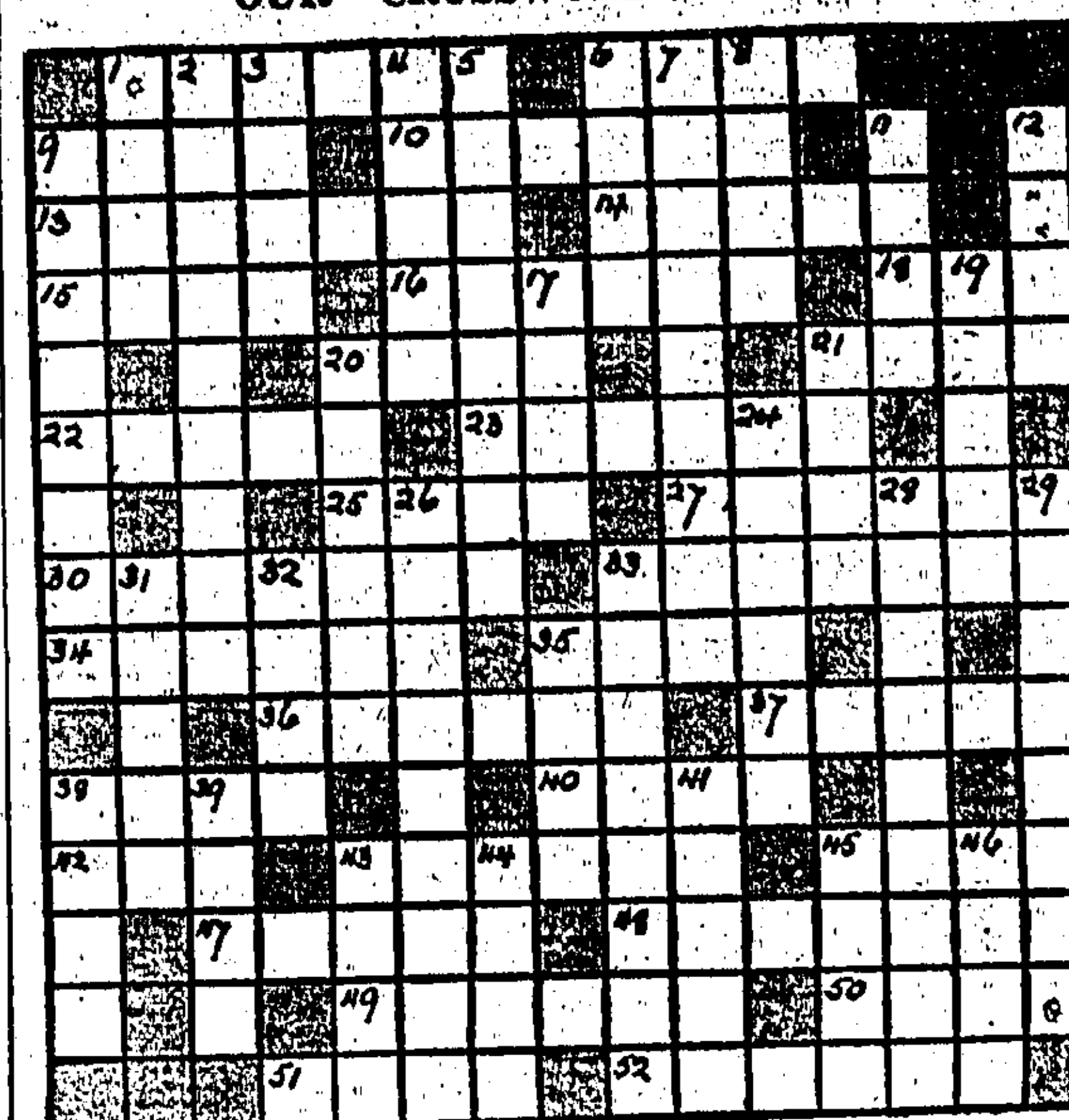
"A THIEF IN PARADISE" AT STAR.

The picture film at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow is "A Thief in Paradise," with Ronald Colman in the leading role. The story opens in the South Sea Islands, where two American derring-does, Blake and Jardine, have a sensational fight, under the sea for a giant pearl, with a shark as third party. Jardine is killed by the shark. Soon afterwards a letter arrives for him from his wealthy father calling him back home. Jardine's island wife then induces Blake to impersonate the dead man, and the rest of the story deals with the complications which arise when Blake is received into the Jardine home. There are thrilling and romantic developments, which, of course end happily, but the suspense is maintained to the end. Unusual features of the film are a polo match between teams of girls dressed in bathing costumes and a dance under sea by a belle dressed in pearls.



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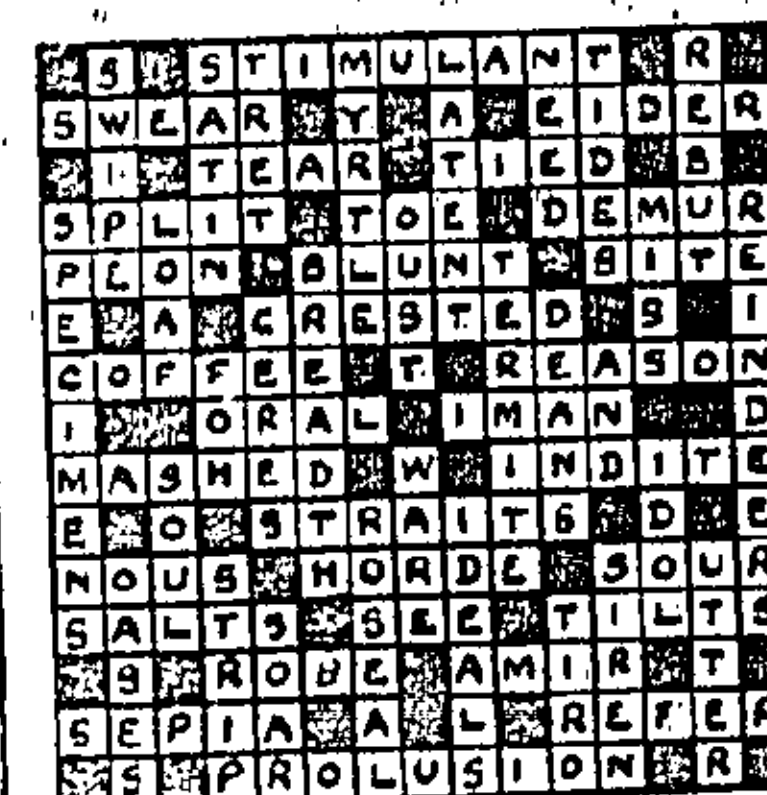
OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- 1 Pertaining to the public treasury.
 - 6 Irritate (Colloq.)
 - 9 Place where money is coined.
 - 10 Seed-vessel of two valves.
 - 13 Attack.
 - 14 Pointed Weapon.
 - 15 Grub up by the roots.
 - 16 Aquatic animals.
 - 18 Anger.
 - 20 Boil slowly.
 - 21 Mohammedan chief.
 - 22 Once more.
 - 23 Washed lightly.
 - 25 So be it.
 - 27 One that sails.
 - 30 Chosen.
 - 33 Devote.
 - 34 Take away.
 - 35 Edge.
 - 36 Large flat pieces.
 - 37 Smallest.
 - 38 Noose.
 - 40 Employees.
 - 42 Wayside hotel.
 - 43 One who trims with the knife.
 - 45 Row.
 - 47 Consists of four poles.
 - 48 Eat away by degrees.
 - 49 Makes acanty.
 - 50 Girl's name.
 - 51 Let it stand.
 - 52 Part of the verb "to sew".

- Down.
- 8 Sediment.
 - 9 Kneaded.
 - 11 Neat.
 - 12 Nobleman.
 - 17 One of two.
 - 20 Mature.
 - 23 Seize hastily.
 - 24 Approach.
 - 25 Racks for paintings.
 - 26 Meteoric stone.
 - 28 Portions of wine.
 - 29 Repaired.
 - 31 Acid fruit.
 - 32 Sharp projecting point.
 - 33 Anatomies.
 - 35 Render insensible.
 - 38 Tune (Tenn).
 - 39 At one time.
 - 41 Having gnarled appearance.
 - 43 Gono by.
 - 44 One.
 - 45 Plant.
 - 46 Superintendent for press.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



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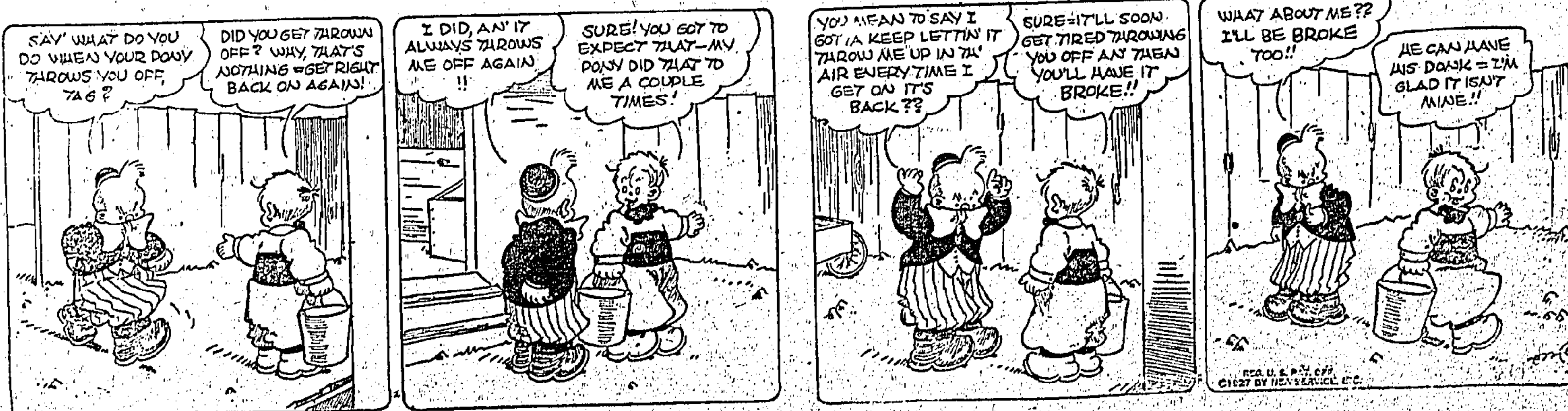
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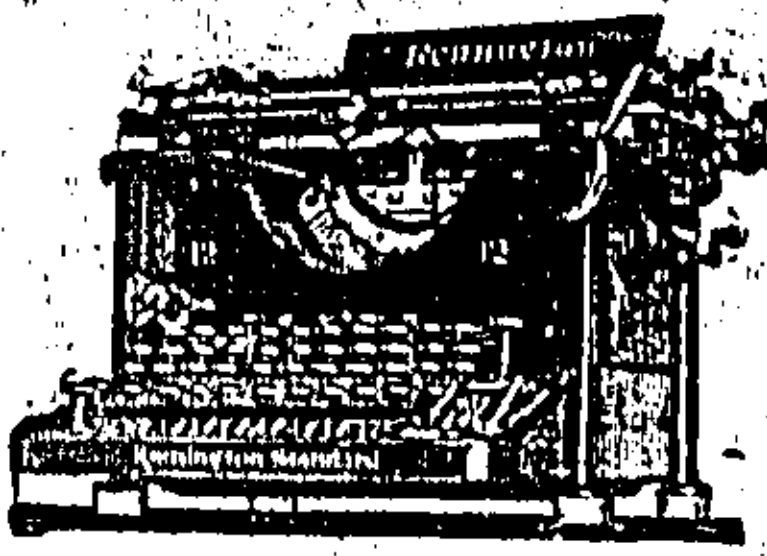
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BIRTH.

SCHNEIDER.—At Canton Sanatorium, on November 28th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Schneider, of Tungshan, Canton, a son, Hans Erwin.

The
Hongkong Telegraph

TUESDAY, NOV. 29, 1927.

THE POLICE RESERVE.

Not the least important of the Bills to come before the Legislative Council on Thursday for their first reading is the Ordinance to provide for the formation, establishment and regulation of the Hongkong Police Reserve. During the War, there was in existence a very strong and active body of Police Reservists, composed of British, Portuguese, Chinese and Indian platoons, and these men performed an extremely useful function at a time when so many of the Colony's Regular Police were engaged elsewhere on sterner duties for the Empire. The members of the former Police Reserve were subject to the provisions of an Ordinance passed during the first year of the War, but, as the Force has for some years now ceased to exist, that Ordinance has remained a dead letter, for all practical purposes. Recent events, however, have shown the desirability of a re-uscitation of the Reserve, but under conditions of service not quite so stringent as during the days of the Great War. The new Force is already in existence, but the enrolments have been made without reference to the provisions of the old Police Reserve Ordinance. In order, therefore, to regularise the position and to place the new Reserve on a due and proper footing, the 1914 Ordinance is being repealed and considerable variations made in regard to the conditions under which members will serve.

As was stated at the time the present Reserve was brought into being, it is eminently desirable that the Colony should have a trained, uniformed body of men ready to take their place alongside the Regular Police in case of emergency. It is on that basis that the existing Force has been created, and we understand that its members already give promise of being of the utmost value in this regard. There is, however, still room for plenty of men, and we hope that, once their status is better defined, as it will be under the new Ordinance, more will come forward in their desire to be of service to the community in time of need. In these mat-

ters, there is nothing like preparedness. The new Ordinance differs from the old one in several important respects, the variations in most instances being to the benefit of those joining up. For example, the oath of allegiance to His Majesty the King is dispensed with, as the Reserve is purely a civil force. Whilst no loyal British subject would demur in the slightest degree to taking the oath, it is conceivable that nationals of other countries might reasonably feel some qualms about so doing. The removal of this requirement should therefore do something to meet the wishes of many foreigners who enjoy the security of British rule in this Colony and who would be quite willing to give their services to the community if in so doing they were not required to pledge their allegiance to the Sovereign of a country to which they do not belong. Other provisions which appear wise and timely are that when the Reserve is called out for active service its members shall be paid, and that when not on such service there shall be no punishment, for breach of discipline, other than reprimand and dismissal. When we bear these points in mind and remember also that the normal duties of the Reserve are by no means strenuous, we should soon have in this Colony a strong and efficient auxiliary Police Force, capable of rendering a good account of itself in moments of crisis.

The regulations of service in the Reserve, by legislative enactment is a very proper proceeding. The Volunteers are similarly regulated, and we can conceive of the Police Reserve being of just as much value to the Colony as the members of our Defence Corps. The new Ordinance will, moreover, add to the dignity of the Reserve and should operate beneficially in advertising it and in attracting recruits to its ranks.

Shanghai Crime.

The recrudescence of serious crime in Shanghai, and the events over the week-end, when two British police officers were shot, one of them fatally, while tackling a gang of desperadoes, move us to comment again on the difficulties which face the guardians of law and order in the northern port. As we pointed out in an editorial some weeks ago, the Settlement is faced with several formidable handicaps, mainly through the contiguity to a big Chinese district which is inefficiently policed, and the continuous influx of bad characters from neighbouring territory, where disturbed conditions enable them to operate without fear of apprehension. A new menacing feature is now disclosed, however, in the repeated proof that men handed over to the Chinese authorities apparently are being released, to continue a threat to life and property. Recently, a man convicted of armed robbery was recognised as a bad character supposed to have been sentenced to a long term of imprisonment by the Chinese court. Yesterday's cables disclose that two criminals have been identified as men handed over two years ago. At the very least this proves that they return to a life of crime as opportunity offers, and emphasises the difficulties which the police authorities in Shanghai's foreign settlement have to face. The November record bids fair to eclipse the already bad one for last month, which a recent issue of the Shanghai Municipal Gazette summarises as follows: Ten murders, including that of a Sikh policeman, five cases of abduction by armed gangs, 95 armed robberies from houses, and 19 armed highway robberies, besides six attempts. That almost speaks for itself. There is the further drawback of timidity on the part of the Chinese victims of abduction cases, or their relatives, who prefer to suffer in silence. The following paragraph from the October summary is eloquent of the position: "In investigating cases of this nature, the police are greatly handicapped by the families of victims refusing to give assistance or information and preferring to deal with the kidnappers secretly and to pay ransoms demanded."

Our Shanghai correspondent, yesterday referred to the exodus of wealthy Chinese to Japan and elsewhere. Not long ago they were crowding the foreign dwellings in the Settlement, but apparently have found that even that sanctuary is insecure. It is an appalling state of affairs, and only

DAY BY DAY.

THE GREATEST GLORY OF A FREE-BORN PEOPLE IS TO TRANSMIT THAT FREEDOM TO THEIR CHILDREN.—William Havard.

The E. and A. Company's s.s. Tandu left Moji on the 26th instant and is due here to-morrow afternoon.

A Chinese constable has been arrested for keeping an opium den on the hillside at Wongnei-chong Road.

An earth-quake was injured yesterday through a fall of earth at the hillside at Tokowan. The mishap occurred during excavation work.

A cable has been received announcing the sudden death in England on the 16th inst. of Mr. N. E. S. Gardner, manager of Sungei estate, Batang Berjantai.

The body of a destitute Chinese was removed to the Mortuary from the Po Tack Wharf where it was found, yesterday morning, with a rope tied round the neck. It is believed that the man committed suicide.

Mr. Thurston R. Porter, U. S. Marshal, arrived in Shanghai last week in the P. & O. Khiva, from Hongkong, having in custody Henry F. Krenz, who is charged with the embezzlement of \$331,000 from the Disbursing Office of the American Legation in Peking.

Mr. H. J. Silva, of Messrs. Dodwell and Co., is under medical treatment for injuries which he received through being bitten by a pointer dog belonging to Mr. E. Antonio, of No. 30, Granville Road, Kowloon. The animal was removed to the depot at Matakuk for examination.

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Linan, Van Heutsz, Shantung, Tania, President Adams, President Madison, Shinjo Maru, Hainan, Sunning, Oldekerk, West Hixton, Benlmond, Mongolia, Hiram, Canada Maru, Preussen, Sarpedon.

Last week's health return shows four cases of typhoid (three Chinese and one Indian), of which one was fatal; two fatal cases of influenza and one fatal occurrence of diphtheria. Yesterday's return discloses one further Chinese case of typhoid and one British (imported) case of cerebro-spinal fever.

Among the items in the topical gazette being screened at the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow along with the feature attraction "Slide, Kelly, Slide," are flashes of the Dempsey-Tunney fight, France winning the Davis Cup, America winning the Polo Cup, and some thrilling buffalo riding.

The death took place at the French Hospital Causeway Bay, yesterday afternoon of Mr. J. M. Pereira, a well-known member of the Portuguese community. Mr. Pereira was a retired employee of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., and was the editor of *Religiao e Patria*, a Catholic periodical. The funeral will take place to-day.

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone has strengthened and is central over South Manchuria. The typhoon is about 300 miles east of Naha, moving east-north-east. Strong monsoon may be expected along the coast of China, and fresh monsoon over the China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—"North winds, fresh; fine to cloudy."

A Chinese has been admitted into the Government Civil Hospital subsequent to his attempting to take his life by leaping from the *Hungnam Ferry-boat* Kwong Hing. The boat had just moved away from the wharf at Hungnam when the cry of "Save life" was raised. The man was seen to jump overboard, but a prompt rescue was effected from a sampan in the vicinity.

At to-day's meeting of the Sanitary Board letters will be laid on the table from the Government relative to the appointment of Mr. Tao Seen-wan, LL.D., to be a member for a further term of three years, and of Lt-Colonel and Brevet Colonel J. S. Bostock, C. B. E., R. A. M. C., to be a member for three years vice Lt-Colonel S. Boylan-Smith, D. S. O., O. B. E., R. A. M. C., with effect from November 10.

The present widespread state of anarchy in large areas of China can account for the Shanghai crime condition not being pilloried as one of the worst which any city in the world has ever experienced, and also a disgraceful commentary on the situation in modern China. After all, Shanghai forms an isolated oasis of foreign administration in a desert of chaotic misgovernment.

CLAIM OVER SHARE
DEAL.THE EMPRESS RESTAURANT
SUED.

A Chinese who paid out \$100 in return for shares to be allotted to him in a new company, to be called the Empress Restaurant, claimed his money back in the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood, saying that he had not received the shares.

The plaintiff was Li Kwai-tin, 184, Queen's Road Central and he sued the Empress Restaurant and Chang Lal-nam, Li Kui-po, and So Kit-san, all of 169-61, Connaught Road Central. Mr. E. S. C. Brooks was for the plaintiff, and Mr. F. H. Losby defended.

His Lordship asked whether the restaurant was a firm, and Mr. Losby replied that that point might have to be decided.

Mr. Brooks explained that the money was deposited with the defendants on March 26th this year as a subscription for shares to be allotted to him in a firm which was to be formed and registered and was to be known as the Empress Restaurant, Limited. It was, however, not formed or registered, and no shares had been allotted to the plaintiff.

The plaintiff, continued Mr. Brooks, was introduced to the defendants by a man named Chiu Lu-chi and the money was paid through him to the defendants on the strength of a prospectus which was issued last Chinese New Year.

Mr. Losby said he admitted the receipt of \$100 and the giving of a receipt.

The plaintiff stated that Chiu Lu-chi lived at 30, Hollywood Road and showed him the prospectus in February. He handed over the \$100 to Chiu and later obtained a receipt.

In cross-examination, Mr. Losby said he was trying to show that Chiu Lu-chi acted as agent for the plaintiff throughout. Plaintiff admitted that Chiu instructed solicitors for him (plaintiff).

Plaintiff said he thought the company was a Limited Liability Company and was a going concern when he put his money into it. In October, he found it was not a Limited Liability Company and he would not take up the shares unless it was. He trusted Chiu and had no reason to believe that his money had not been handed over to the restaurant.

When evidence for the plaintiff had been completed, Mr. Losby submitted that he had no case to answer, subsequently withdrawing, suggesting that his Lordship decide the case on the facts as already brought out.

Mr. Brooks suggested that the case was simple enough. Chiu Lu-chi had throughout been acting in the capacity of broker. The plaintiff had paid his money for a consideration which had failed, and was therefore entitled to get it back.

Mr. Losby said the parties were agreed on the evidence. His Lordship had to decide whether or not the plaintiff had constructive knowledge of the use to which his money was being put, and it was his submission that the case was on a parallel with that of Chiu Lu-chi.

His Lordship pointed out that there were weaknesses in Chiu Lu-chi's case not apparent in the present, and reserved judgment.

RECENT ROBBERY.

A REMAND GRANTED.

The Chinese who was arrested on Sunday in connection with an armed robbery in Kowloon Street was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who appeared for the defendant, asked for a week's remand.

The prosecution indicated that the case would not occupy more than one afternoon and accordingly Mr. Lindsell fixed the hearing for next Monday at 2.15 p.m.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Nov. 28.	
Paris	124
New York	48.77/32
Brussels	34.01
Geneva	25.29 1/2
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	20.42 1/2
Berlin	20.42 1/2
Stockholm	18.09 1/2
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.23
Vienna	34.57 1/2
Prague	104 1/2
Helsingfors	103 1/2
Madrid	29.05
Lisbon	2.7/18
Athens	307 1/2
Bucharest	705
Bombay	47 1/2
Buenos Aires	1/5 31/32
Shanghai	2/7
Hongkong	2/0 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 15/16
Silver (spot)	20 1/2
Silver (forward)	25.9/16

—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

Mr. Ralph Steinbrago and Mrs. Connelley Norvel were married recently at Ganauque, Canada, in a motor-boat which was tearing through the water at an estimated speed of more than forty miles an hour.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Alfred Bishop, and three friends acted as witnesses.

Willenden man: She is a relation of my wife—my mother-in-law really.

Landlord of his lodger at Bow County Court: He is always striking his wife. The wife, apologetically: Never unless I ask for it.

West Ham man: I do not use bad language. I have been a soldier, and I am a man.

Barrister at Bow County Court: The ingenuity displayed by women to annoy one another amazes me. Nottinghamshire reeve: Drink affects me because I fought the Turks. Magistrate: I expect you see the Turks again when in drink.

Romford man at Bow County Court: I sell firewood in the streets and dig 'taters in the fields. I'm digging 'taters now.

After a short period of "War" a dog and cat living in a house at Corsham have declared a strange truce.

The animals belong to Mrs. George Pearce, and recently a litter of puppies was born. A few days later the puppies were destroyed, but on the same day four kittens put in an appearance. Two of these were immediately commandeered by the dog, who kept them in a box in another room. Mother cat, happening to wander into this room a few days afterwards, heard the kittens cry and made a rush for them. The dog, however, put up a fierce fight, and the two had to be kept apart.

Now a curious truce prevails, the cat and dog each nursing two kittens.

An industrial worker's health is almost his sole capital.—Sir Bruce Bruce-Porter.

The idea that children should be grateful to their parents is out of date.—Miss L. M. Faithfull.

Woman resembles the ape more than does man for her legs are usually shorter and her arms longer.—Professor Arthur Thomson.

If young ladies of 21 would condescend to lower their skirts an inch or two they would hear no more of that very insulting word "flapper".—The Duchess of Atholl.

The professor was showing his class an interesting experiment. "Now," he said impressively, "if anything goes wrong, we and the laboratory may be blown into the air."

Come a little closer, gentlemen, in order that you may follow me better."

A violin that originally cost thirty shillings and was used thirty years ago to provide the music for country dances in Wyoming, has made a meteoric leap into fame and thence again into obscurity.

The instrument had not been heard in public for thirty years until a few weeks ago when its owner, Mr. N. P. Nye, played in an "old fiddlers'" contest. A musical expert in the audience was impressed by the tone, and, next day, after examining the violin, bought it for £30 and an expensive new instrument.

Its new owner spread the news that he had discovered an instrument made by Carlo Bergonzi, one of the foremost pupils of the great Stradivari, and that it was made in Cremona 200 years ago.

Mr. O. P. Elley, a rancher, who was interested in music, wished to possess the violin and, after much bargaining, purchased it with a farm worth £1,200. He then took his prize to Chicago, and became a disappointed man.

Some one with a doubting mind traced the history of the violin back to Mr. Nye, who stated that he had never given any one reason to believe that it was an antique. He added that he had bought it himself when it was new from the manufacturers in Chicago, and that it was worth just the money he had given for it, thirty shillings. The mistake arose from the fact that the manufacturers made violins as unconcealed imitations of the Bergonzi type.

Andrew was entertaining a guest for the night. The evening was spent in discussing gloomy and weighty subjects. About 11 p.m. the host said:—

"And now, what about a wee deoch-an-doris?"

The guest, rubbing his hands and smacking his lips, said:—"Splendid!"

Smiling genially, the host rose and put Sir Harry Lauder's celebrated song record on the gramophone.

Passengers departing for Manila by s.s. President Madison at midnight included Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. da Silva, and the Misses C. and P. da Silva; Mr. R. D. Owen, Mr. M. M. Mass and Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Webber.

PUBLIC MONEY.

BIG VOTE FOR HOSPITAL.

RESUMPTION COST.

Nine financial votes, totalling in all \$259,144, are to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council on Thursday afternoon. The biggest vote is one for over \$253,500 as compensation for resumption in connexion with the proposed new Government Civil Hospital. The various votes are as under:

\$2,000 for Police Force: Secret Service. This sum will be required to meet expenditure to the end of the year. Amount provided in Estimates, \$16,000; less adjustment on S/W 165, \$300; expended to date, \$15,408; balance \$292. The excess on this vote is due to unforeseen expenditure. The above is to be met from savings under Passages.

More Prisoners.

\$900 for Police Force: Sub-sistence for Prisoners.—Provision made in Estimates, \$2,500; amount provided, \$2,500; expended to 30.9.27, \$2,281.19; balance, \$218.81; estimated requirement to December 31st, \$1,115.00; excess \$896.10. The excess is due to a larger number of prisoners during the latter part of this year than had been estimated for. The above is to be met from savings under Rations for Indian Police.

Light and Fans.

\$1,000 for Police Force: Light and Electric Fans.—Provision made in Estimates, \$34,000. The amount expended on the above vote up to September 30th was \$27,245 leaving a balance of \$6,755 for the remaining three months of the year. The average monthly requirements have been \$3,000 and it is estimated that a further sum of \$1,000 in addition to the balance of \$6,755 will be required for the expenditure to be met this year. A supplementary vote for \$1,000 is therefore requested. The above is to be met from savings under Passages.

Gas Rings for Gaol.

\$975 for Prison Department: Materials for Repairs and Renewals.—Provision made in Estimates, \$9,000. To install gas rings in the cookhouse in place of wood fires. Wood fires create a smoke nuisance to the inhabitants of Chancery Lane and to the prison also, especially the Printing Shop. The above is to be met from savings under Light.

New Hospital.

\$253,500 for Public Works, Extraordinary: New Government Civil Hospital, Compensation for Resumption. It is proposed, as soon as the financial position of the Colony permits, to reconstruct the Government Civil Hospital and in connection therewith more land will be required. A favourable opportunity occurred to acquire the site of the Diocesan Boys' School on Bonham Road, and the sum now required is for the purchase thereof. In July 1926 the Finance Committee agreed that this sum might be offered.

Distillery Control.

\$300 for Imports and Exports Department: Opium: Miscellaneous Stores. Provision made in Estimates, \$1,200. Certain apparatus ordered through the Crown Agents in 1926 did not arrive till June 1927 and had to be paid for from the 1927 vote (\$150). Special apparatus had to be ordered in 1927 in connection with work on Distillery Control. This was not foreseen in 1926 and had to be treated as an extra indent. The total cost of this apparatus came to approximately \$150 and the total deficiency from these two causes is approximately \$300. Indents under this vote were heavier than usual this year owing to special apparatus required for tobacco investigation and control. The above is to be met from savings under Other Charges, Opium, Packing Expenses.

More Searching.

\$100 for Imports and Exports Department: Candles and Batteries for searching purposes.—Provision made in Estimates, \$400. More searching is being done and consequently the expenses have been increased. The above is to be met from savings under Other Charges; Blinding Permits.

Fire Brigade Rent.

\$69 for Fire Brigade: Rent of Stations.—Provision made in Estimates, \$1,800; amount provided in Estimates, \$1,800; expended to October 31st, \$1,568.23; balance, \$231.77. Estimated expenditure for November and December, \$300; excess, \$83.23. The excess on this vote is due to rooms rented at Kewloon to accommodate European Sub-Officers from 21st January to 5th March, 1927, in (Continued on Page 11.)

THREAT TO CANTON DIMINISHES.

FUKIEN COMMANDER NOW HESITANT.

WEST RIVER ACTIVITY.

The first hostilities will be on the West River, if a counter-attack be launched by the Kwangsi troops under General Wang Shao-hung, the deputy of General Li Chai-sum, according to a Chinese source.

Latest military developments on the West, North and East Rivers tend to show that the odds are against the Kwangsi forces, while most of the strategic points on the three rivers have been successfully occupied by the "Ironsides" detachments, who were rushed to these points immediately after the coup at Canton.

That there will be no fighting along the North River is taken for granted; and though there has been much war preparation on the East River, the Canton Government for the present has decided, it is reliably stated, to concentrate more troops along the West River.

The only enemy of the "Ironsides," or the "Leftist" Government, on the East River is the army under Chan Chai-tong, a follower of General Li Chai-sum. Chan is now concentrating his units at Swatow, at which place he is the supreme ruler. His forces, however, are not strong enough for a big attack on the "Ironsides."

Negotiations Afoot.

Chan is reported to be negotiating with other "neutral" leaders of armies in Kwangtung and neighbouring provinces, like Fukien, in an endeavour to secure assistance for an expedition to re-take Canton. The military leader of Fukien, Chan Ming-shiu, who is a Chiang Kai-shek man, is one of those to whom Chan Chai-tong is looking for help. But whether the ruler of Fukien is willing to supply any of his units for the counter-attack on Canton is a moot point, for so far he has not yet definitely stated his intended policy in the coming struggle in South China.

An unofficial report says that when the news of the Canton coup first reached Fukien, Chan Ming-shiu, the military chief of the province, was having dinner with several of his followers, and he drank a full glass of wine, declaring to his friends at the table, "Now I will have a chance of meeting the 'Ironsides' in the battlefield for a contest of strength."

His hesitancy may be due to his deciding now to await the result of the fourth session of the Kuomintang Supervisory and Executive Committees at Shanghai. Undoubtedly, the outcome of this conference will have a marked effect on the trend of events in South China. Some observers even go as far as to say that this political meeting in the North will decide the fate of the Kwangsi troops under Wang Shao-hung.

From a Canton source, it is learned that General Wang Ki-chung, the military leader of the "Ironsides," declared recently that the attitude of Chan Ming-shiu of Fukien will not have any great effect upon the developments of the "Ironsides" military campaigns along the East River. For if troops be despatched from Fukien to Swatow, it will take Chan Ming-shiu several weeks before he will be able to do anything much.

"Red" Farmers' Attitude.

Another obstacle which lies in the way of Chan Chai-tong's campaign to re-capture Canton from the "Ironsides" is the big corps of "Red" Farmers, who number some thousands, and are infesting the Haifung and Lukfung districts on the East River.

The long distance between Canton and Swatow, which makes it difficult for the transportation of troops and military necessities, is, admittedly, another hindrance to the counter-attack of Li Chai-sum's troops from Swatow, according to popular reports.

A vernacular press report declared this morning that first shot between the "Ironsides" and the Kwangsi troops along the West River was fired in the vicinity of Szewul on Sunday.

Practically all the Kwangsi units at Shihing, a city on the West River, however, have evacuated the place and retreated to Wuchow, the headquarters of all Wang Shao-hung's armies. Since most of the Kwangsi men have retreated to Wuchow, the report of the clash at Szewul appears to be unfounded.

The "Ironsides" are known to have stationed the whole of the 11th Division on the West River a few days ago. The whole of 26th Division is now concentrating at Canton, ready to be despatched to West River districts. Moreover, on Sunday the full 37th regiment arrived at Canton from Shiklung, and it is believed that this regiment will also be despatched to the West River.

Judging from this extensive troop movement on the part of the "Ironsides" leaders, the West River may yet see a conflict of the two contending factions, though whether it will be decisive is doubtful.

SHANGHAI UNREST.

SHOTS AT RETURNING STRIKERS.

B.A.T. LAUNCH SUFFERS.

Unknown gunmen opened fire on a lighter conveying Chinese workers across the Whangpoo to the B.A.T. factory at Pootung early last Thursday morning, reports the Shanghai Times.

Four men were wounded and had to be taken to the Lester Chinese hospital, Shantung Road. The workers were crowded on a lighter which was being towed by a B.A.T. launch across at 6.45 a.m. The gunmen approached the lighter in a sampun and open fire, hitting four men.

A band of about 15 men swarmed over the Settlement boundary and in an effort to prevent the Hou Sung cotton mill, at Seoul Road, from re-opening, as announced, they directed a fusillade of shots at the mill gate. At least a dozen shots were fired by the men, who immediately fled into Chinese territory. There were no serious casualties, only a watchman receiving a slight wound in his leg.

Notwithstanding this terrorist attempt, fully 1,000 out of the 2,000 operatives at this mill resumed work yesterday.

Shots at Japanese Marine. According to Japanese newspaper reports, labour gunmen made an appearance at the Toka mills, Japanese concern in Yangtze, on Wednesday and two shots were fired at a Japanese marine on duty at the mills. The shots went wide but the marine returned fire. Parties of marines have been on duty at the mills since the strike started.

Loyal Chinese employees of Japanese printing works in Hong-kew, where a strike has existed since September 9, are also being subjected to intimidation. One Chinese living in Chinese territory was attacked by a gang of intimidators on Wednesday and lime was thrown in his eyes, nearly blinding him. The printing establishments are carrying on with a few Chinese who remained loyal and a number of Japanese printers recruited in Japan.

An employee of the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco factory at Pootung nearly lost his life when he was attacked and stabbed by four intimidators as he lay in his bed at his home at Loh Ka Zah, Pootung. He is now in hospital being treated for his wounds.

Worker Knocked Senseless. Another gang attacked an employee of the British Cigarette Company's factory, Thorburn Road, as he was going to his home in Chinese territory. The gang slashed him and assaulted him with axes and iron bars, knocking him senseless. A Municipal policeman went to the man's rescue, whereat his attackers fled into Chinese territory.

These incidents and the existence of much Communist activities in the ranks of Shanghai's labour forces are disturbing the authorities, who believe that organized and well-paid gangs of hoodlums are now engaged in a terrorist campaign to create industrial unrest and radical outbreaks.

Reports that an uprising is to be staged in Shanghai soon resulted in the Chinese authorities on Thursday banning all labour meetings and announcing their decision to prevent any public assemblies.

Nevertheless, there was a general return to work at many mills affected by strikes. Half the day shift at the Wing On mill, 10 Seoul Road, resumed work that morning. The Sung Sing mill, 78 Ward Road, also restarted operations. The Hou Sung mill also started up with half its usual day shift.

KONGMOON LOYAL.

Opposed to "Ironsides."

Canton, Nov. 28. General Cheng Chang-pao, commanding the Kongmoon forces, whose attitude hitherto has not been definitely known, has now openly announced his loyalty to General Li Chai-sum and has denounced the present "Red Canton regime." General Chen states that he is leading the 13th Division in the Kongmoon and the Sze Yap districts to help General Wang Shao-hung in counter-attacking Canton.

In view of General Chen's unfavourable attitude towards themselves, the "Ironsides" have ordered the Canton Political Council to issue a mandate dismissing Chen and ordering an attack against Kongmoon.

According to the Canton newspapers this morning, the "Ironsides" are advancing on Kongmoon by land and sea to attack Chen Chang-pao, but it is doubtful whether their naval force can succeed against Chen's for the largest Canton warship, the Feiyang, has deserted the "Ironsides" to join Kongmoon leader.—Nam Chung Po.

PACIFIC SHIPPING LINES.

SHIPPING BOARD POST-PONES DECISION.

A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE.

Washington, Nov. 22.

The Shipping Board to-day postponed its decision on the sale of its three remaining Pacific lines. A special meeting will be called probably this week to complete discussions on the proposed sale. The lines under discussion are the American, Australian and Orient, the American Oriental Mail and the Oregon Oriental.

Disagreement among the members of the board as to the period of operation of the lines caused the postponement. The board's subcommittee yesterday suggested a compromise under which the lines would be advertised under two contracts, one calling operation for five years and the other for ten years, with the board accepting the best bid irrespective of whether it was for the five or ten year period of operation. Members of the board said that the compromise was practically certain to be accepted.

President Coolidge desires to build up the merchant marine so that it will adequately serve as a second line of defence as well as for carrying cargoes to foreign ports, but he believes that it would be useless to suggest to Congress again a subsidy such as was proposed during the Harding administration. He is studying other avenues with a view to the recommendation he will make to Congress in December.

WORLD'S TIN ORE SUPPLIES.

A COMING SHORTAGE FEARED.

London, Nov. 28. Captain Hacking, the Under Secretary for Overseas Trade stated in reply to Sir Nicholas Gratton Doyle, in the House of Commons, that he was aware of the opinion entertained by some authorities regarding a prospective shortage of the tin ore supplies of the world.

He was following closely the discussions which were taking place on this, and also on the possibility of stabilisation of world prices.

It did not appear that any advantage would be gained at the present time by the appointment of a special scientific committee, as Sir N. Gratton Doyle had suggested, to enquire on behalf of the Government regarding the possibilities of conserving the Empire's resources.—British Wire.

INDIAN BOYCOTT AGITATION.

MOSLEM OPINION DIFFERS.

Cawnpore, Nov. 28.

The Indian session of the Trades Union Congress, at which British Trades Union Congress delegates were present, has passed a resolution to demand the revision of the Workmen's Compensation Act, a 48-hour week, and to boycott the Statutory Commission.—Reuter.

"Enough of Non-Co-Operation."

Calcutta, Nov. 28.

There is a distinct cleavage in Moslem opinion in Bengal with regard to the proposed boycott of the Statutory Commission.

Sir Abdur Rahim is said to be considering a re-affirmation of his retraction of a previous declaration to support the commission.

Mr. Ghuznavi, a former Minister and president of the Central National Moslem Association, has declared unequivocally in favour of co-operating with the commission. "We Moslems have had enough of non-co-operation," he states.—Reuter.

A LOCAL VAGRANT.

SERIOUS CHARGES MENTIONED.

A Eurasian, named A. J. Simon, was charged before Major C. Willson this morning with being found in this Colony without employment or any visible means of subsistence.

Sub-Inspector Elston, prosecuting, said the defendant was a Hongkong man. He gave himself up as destitute yesterday. Our record shows, said Sub-Inspector Elston, that he is wanted for embezzlement and forgery, and several other charges, and I would ask your Worship to remand him for forty-eight hours. The necessary remand was granted.

COUNCIL WINS.

SHANGHAI PAPER'S SUIT.

ELECTRICITY CUT OFF.

The following is the judgment delivered by the Court of Consuls in the case of the China Publishing Co. Inc., proprietors of the China Courier, plaintiffs in an action against the Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, and briefly cabled last week. The plaintiff company was represented by Mr. W. Y. Char and the Shanghai Municipal Council Mr. Stirling Fessenden. The Court of Consuls was composed of Mr. E. S. Cunningham, U. S. Consul-General and Senior Consul, Mr. N. Aill, Consul-General for Norway, and Sir Sidney Barton, H. M. Consul-General.

The judgment reads as follows: In this action the plaintiffs claim an injunction to restrain the defendants from discontinuing the supply of electric power to the plaintiffs and also claim damages for the losses occasioned by such discontinuance.

The parties have filed an agreed statement of the facts connected with the discontinuance of the electric power, so that the only issue which the Court has to decide is whether the defendants were within their rights and reasonable in acting as they did.

The rights of the Shanghai Municipal Council are those of a voluntary association composed of the citizens of many different states who have combined together for the enjoyment in common, in an orderly manner, of certain privileges which were accorded to them by agreements made between their respective Governments and the Government of China. Amongst these privileges is the right of municipal control over a certain portion of the Treaty Port of Shanghai and for the purpose of exercising this control the Council was empowered to levy taxes on a scale to be fixed by the foreign ratepayers and with the revenue so obtained to provide certain public utilities such as electric power.

Since the association for these purposes is voluntary, just as residence within the area so controlled is voluntary, and since there is no common body of law which can be applied to all the members of the association, it follows that the association cannot maintain its existence unless it appeals to the inherent right of self-preservation to enforce the recognition by all participants in its benefits of the obligation to abide by the reasonable regulations under which it is conducted.

Defendants Within Rights.

In this case the plaintiffs claim the right to continued enjoyment of the electric power supplied by the defendants while refusing to recognize their obligation to pay on the scale laid down by the regulations of the association the taxes necessary to provide its revenue.

This Court derives its power from Land Regulations 27 and it consequently cannot admit argument tending to show that Land Regulation 9—the regulation under which the amount of the rate is fixed—is other than reasonable.

The claim of the plaintiffs that the defendants were not acting within their rights in discontinuing the supply of electric power must, therefore, fail.

It remains to consider whether such right was exercised by the defendants in a reasonable manner.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- On what day does Christmas fall this year?
- Who is Dr. Grenfell?
- What famous neutral did memorabilia work as a cartoonist in the great war?
- Who composed these operas: "Cavalleria Rusticana," "Il Trovatore," "Die Meistersinger," "Tales of Hoffman"?
- Who was known as Oom Paul?
- Name the five oceans.
- Which is the higher rank, lieutenant-general or major-general?
- What is necromancy?
- What is an archipelago?
- Who wrote the "Blue Danube" waltz, and what is its full name?
- What biblical name is commonly given to cab drivers, and why?
- With what sports and games are these people identified: Bobby Jones, Gordon Richards, Mrs. Lambert Chambers, Ernest Harry, Capablanca, A. W. Carr, W. W. Wakefield?

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MANILA DISAPPOINTED

CHINESE FOOTBALLERS CAN'T COME.

Neither the Shanghai Chinese football selection nor the South China football team from Hongkong will be able to come to the city and play a series of games in Manila during the month of December, is the startling disclosure made public by the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation, says the Manila Bulletin. Two cablegrams, one from Shanghai and the other from Hongkong, were received by Dr. Regino R. Ylana, national physical director, from the Chinese football officials.

This announcement, besides coming as a big surprise, kills the enterprising plans outlined by the P. A. A. F. for the purpose of boosting the sport of soccer in the city. Negotiations for the bringing of a Chinese team to play in the city were running so smoothly that the invasion of the Chinese footballers was considered as a matter of course by soccer fans.

The first cablegram to be received was from William Zung, president of the China Athletic Association, who stated "We suggest that you invite the South China football team, as it is impossible for a Shanghai team to make the trip in December." Simultaneously, another cable was received from H. K. Lee, of Hongkong, representing the South China football eleven, who said, "Our team cannot go to Manila, dates are incompatible."

Inability of the Chinese teams to absent themselves from their respective leagues, which are said to reach their climax during the month of December, is the principal reason for the denial of the teams to come here, it is said. Efforts to bring a team from some other point of the Orient will be started immediately it was hinted. Close followers of the game state that only the invasion of a foreign team will save football in the islands, which is at present in a critical position.

The possibility of Dens Park being utilised for greyhound racing during the summer months has attracted the attention of a London syndicate, who are in communication with the Directors of Dundee F. C. on the subject.

The English international back, S. Wadsworth, is playing in the Huddersfield Town reserve eleven, and yet they are reported to want £6,000 for his transfer.

THE WORLD OF SPORT



CRICKET NOTES.

THE LAST OF THE INTERPORT SERIES.

[By Looker On.]

By the time these notes appear in print the result of the last match in the Interport series will be known, I mean that between Hongkong and Malaya.

Saturday's cricket was quite interesting. Perhaps it was not up to the standard of that between Hongkong and Shanghai, but nevertheless it was pleasant to watch. Malaya again failed to reach the century. I'm afraid their trouble is that they have no really useful No. 1; 2, or 3 batsmen in their side. They have very good ones in Congdon, Harker-Taylor, Braddell and Foster but they all strike me as if they would be more successful if they could go in a bit later in the batting order, after the edge has been worn off the bowling. Rix played a useful innings and so justified his inclusion in the side in place of Lawson. I think he could have probably stayed there longer but he was last man out in quite correctly trying to force the game.

Malaya's fielding was very good and I admired the tenacious way they stuck to it. Richards bowled extremely well—twenty-seven overs for eighty-three runs and five wickets was no mean performance. He would be a most useful bowler in a side where he had one or two others as good as he is but of course under ordinary circumstances he would never be kept on as long as he was on Saturday. Foster had no alternative, I'm afraid.

Our fielding was also very good and at times brilliant. Wales bowled better than I have ever seen him do before and he is to be congratulated on his analysis. Brace again bowled well and so did Hankey. Dale made three catches. There is no doubt that he has proved himself to be the best fielder in our side. He is very fast and has an extremely safe pair of hands. I don't think Pearce kept wicket so well on Saturday. In fact, his keeping throughout the week has not been nearly as good as it was last year.

Our innings of 264 was the highest scored during the present series. For that we have to congratulate Hayward, Brace and Dale. The first two set the ball rolling most efficiently and were responsible for putting up a hundred before they were parted and Dale, who was sixth in, was most enterprising aided by a certain amount of good fortune at the commencement of his innings. He is a good forcing bat and I was glad to see him come off.

Neither Sayer nor Ramsay looked like staying long. The former got 19, it is true, but it cannot be said that he got them well. He had, however, had luck to be run out when he was just beginning to settle down to show us some of his old form. Dale called him for an impossible one and he was about a dozen yards out. I'm afraid Dale is inclined to be a little impetuous in his running at times. I have seen him run two or three fellows out this season on that account. It is a pity, as otherwise he is such a useful man in the side.

Ramsay has had a bad week, and, as I have said before, will never do otherwise until he can gain confidence in himself in these big games.

Dobbie, too, was again disappointing in his batting. He was out by hitting right across an ordinary ball and so being caught at extra cover. It was a wild shot.

Later.
I'm sorry to say Malaya, although they topped the hundred, failed to save the innings defeat. I only saw the end of their innings, but from what I could gather they seemed to get themselves out again by being somewhat reckless. Captain Ford is to be complimented on his display at the end of the innings. He appeared to be well set and was scoring all round the wicket in great style. It was a pity he could get no one to stay with him, or else he might have been instrumental in saving the innings defeat.

However, Hongkong won and can be satisfied that they have avenged themselves of the overwhelming defeat which Malaya inflicted upon them in Singapore some eighteen months ago. Of our team which played yesterday I think only Sayer, Ramsay and Fincher went to Singapore. I'm sure they will never forget their first day's "leather hunting" in the boiling hot sun during that match!

M.C.C. TOURISTS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

HUGE SCORE AGAINST ORANGE FREE STATE.

HOLMES MAKES RECORD.

London, Nov. 28.
After defeating Griqualand West by an innings and seventy-five runs at Kimberley, the M. C. C. team which is touring South Africa proceeded to Bloemfontein where they beat the Orange Free State by an innings and 164 runs.

The Orange Free State batted first compiling 192, and in reply the M. C. C. scored the huge total of 592 (for 7 wickets declared). Percy Holmes, Yorkshire's first wicket batsman, carried his bat throughout the innings, contributing 279 (not out). Holmes' score is the highest individual score ever made in any English touring team in South Africa.

The Orange Free State second innings produced 236 runs.—*Reuter.*

THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

BRITISH PARTICIPATION NOT AFFECTED.

London, Nov. 28.
The British Olympic Council, at a meeting held in London to-day, decided not to allow the matter of the disagreement on the broken-time payment question to affect British participation in the Amsterdam Games next year.—*Reuter.*

The decision is in accord with a message received on November 12th, when *Reuter* cable:—
A meeting of the British Amateur Sports governing bodies in London unanimously passed a resolution strongly disapproving of payment for broken time.

No further announcement was obtainable from the delegates, who are understood to be sworn to secrecy regarding the effect of the foregoing resolution on participation in the Olympiad.

The delegates also passed a resolution that the next Olympic Congress should ensure that control by the committee be directly responsible to deriving power solely from Congress, and also that British individual sporting bodies be entitled to participate in the games providing that the international governing body of that particular sport is opposed to broken time.

The general opinion is that Britain will support the games after registering these protests.—*Reuter.*

ENGLAND DEFEATED.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER AT BURNLEY.

London, Nov. 28.
Playing at Burnley to-day before over 30,000 spectators, England were defeated by Wales by two goals to one in the International.—*Reuter.*

[This is England's second International defeat this season. On October 22 at Belfast, Ireland won by two goals to nil, though on that occasion England were unfortunate to lose the services of Hutton, the West Ham goalkeeper, who was carried to hospital with a broken arm, while Hill was so injured in the early stages that he was practically a passenger throughout.]

LOCAL GOLF.

R.H.K.G.C. COMPETITION RESULTS.

The tie for the Captain's Cup in November was won by D. J. Gilmore, 92-14—78, on replay with F. Cowherd, 98-12—80.

The Bogey Pool at Fanling, 26th-28th November, resulted as follows:

A Leach, all square, wins. Other scores were: D. G. Bruce and A. E. Lissaman 1 down; Capt. W. Davidson and D. J. Gilmore 4 down. There were 24 entries.

And now we must concentrate on League cricket and, later, the Triangular Tournament between the Club, the Army and the Navy and finally the match between the Club and the United Services.

In my next notes I hope to furnish some constructive criticism on the past week, which might help for future Interport Cricket. Descriptive criticism never serves any useful purpose but the former sometimes does.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET.

BRIGHT BATTING IN PICK- UP MATCH.

Two teams composed of local and visiting cricketers played a friendly match on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground this morning, the sides playing under the captaincy of Dale (Hongkong) and Congdon (Malaya) respectively.

The players under the visiting captain batted first, and at fifteen time had scored 232 for the loss of eight wickets, three batsmen retiring. Lieut. Com. Shaw and E. C. Baker both passed the 50 without being beaten, the latter's total of 51 including seven fours and one sixer off Hogarty.

There was an understanding that all batsmen who played a maiden over were forced to retire, which explains Capt. Morris leaving the wicket after only scoring 16.

Isaacs' second maiden over contained a wicket and as the incoming batsman did not receive a full maiden over, he did not come within the ruling.

This morning's scores were:

Congdon's Team.	
W. Brace, st. Barnes, b. Dale	19
Lieut. Com. Shaw, retired	54
Capt. Morris, retired	16
Capt. Dobbie, b. Lyl	5
Capt. C. H. Congdon, b. Isaacs	22
E. C. Baker, retired	51
Lieut. Harker, b. Isaacs	2
A. B. Jordan, not out	43
A. W. Hayward, not out	1
Extras	1
Total (for 8 wks.)	232

Fall of Wickets: 1 for 45, 2 for 90, 3 for 90, 4 for 95, 5 for 134, 6 for 135, 7 for 143, 8 for 189.

Bowling Analysis.	
	O. M. R. W.
Isaacs	9 2 40 3
Goodwin	6 - 56 -
Lyl	9 - 41 1
Dale	6 - 52 1
Davies	3 1 14 -
Hogarty	3 - 28 -

R.A.F. BOXING.

OVER 1000 FIGHTS IN ONE TOURNAMENT.

Any boxing tournament that produces 1,000 bouts must be looked on as something very much out of the ordinary, says Trevor C. Wignall in the *Daily Mail*, and that is why I regard the contests I witnessed here to-night as among the most striking in my experience.

The R.A.F. is the youngest arm of the Services, but already it is creating sporting records that will be very difficult to overtake.

On Wednesday night, for example, in the concluding stages of the boxing for the Sir Charles Wakefield trophies—a competition that was originally organised to assist the team spirit and generally to make boxing popular in the R.A.F.—there were 105 contests, which occupied 7½ hours. This is easily a record for Service boxing.

To-night the bouts numbered 21, which, to put it mildly, is boxing of the mass production kind.

Wholehearted.

If the boxing was not marked by skill of a high order, it was decidedly of the kind that denotes enthusiasm and promise. To put it quite clearly, it was more fighting than pretty boxing, but it has to be remembered that every man who stepped into the ring was a novice, that is to say, no competitor had ever won a prize in a recognised tournament.

The class were divided into three, one for officers, one for camps with a strength of more than 500, and one for camps below that number. In all 17 camps were represented, stretching from Leuchars in Scotland to Calshot on the South Coast.

Each of the 17 competing camps was represented by a team of eight men or five officers, and in the early part of the evening I think I must have seen more knock-downs than ever in my life before in the same space of time.

No moment of the evening better typified the spirit of the R.A.F. than when a young and breathless warrior climbed to his feet after a knock-out, shook his head, smiled wearily, and said to his conqueror, "A good fight, boy, thanks."

All round the best form was shown by the boy apprentices. They seemed to understand that the old English style of boxing is as important and quite as successful as heavy fighting.

It is stated that a big effort is likely to be made to effect still another change in the pointage system in regard to the English County Cricket Championship, and make it similar to that in League football—two points for a win and one for a draw.

TWO BIG FIGHTS.

TED MOORE AND FRANK MOODY.

London, Nov. 28.
Ted Moore, Plymouth, and Frank Moody, Wales, weighed in this afternoon well under 12st 7lbs preparatory to to-night's twenty rounds contest for the Cruiser-weight championship of Great Britain. The fight is coming off at the National Sporting Club.

The holder, Gipsy Daniels, recently relinquished the title.—*Reuter.*

Phil Scott in American.

London, Nov. 28.
Phil Scott, the British heavyweight champion now in America, who was recently knocked out by Knute Hansen, is to meet Monte Munn, the American heavyweight to-night in a ten rounds contest at the St. Nicholas Arena, New York.—*Reuter.*

Later.
Moody beat Moore, on points.—*Reuter.*

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish Football League matches (to be played on Saturday next, December 3rd), set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the *Telegraph* during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on December 3rd:—

DIVISION I.	
Cardiff	v Aston Villa.
Huddersfield	v Arsenal.
Wednesday	v West Ham.

DIVISION II.	
Bristol City	v Manchester C.
Notts County	v Swansea.

DIVISION III. (NORTH).	
Brentford	v Plymouth.
Brighton	v Charlton.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).	
Chesterfield	v Hartlepool.
Durham	v New Brighton.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.	
Aberdeen	v Airdrie.
Celtic	v Motherwell.
Cowdenbeath	v St. Johnstone.

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CHIT SYSTEM.

DROPPED BY SINGAPORE CRICKET CLUB.

A very drastic step was taken at a meeting of members of the Singapore Cricket Club last Monday evening when it was decided to drop the credit system and adopt entirely new idea of cash deposits. This latter proposition the committee decided on a show of 15.

The President, Mr. R. J. Farrer, sided and was supported by members of the committee. There was a crowded attendance.

The proposal before the meeting was to expunge rules 32 (1), (2) and (3) and substitute new rules, as follows:

2. (1). All members' accounts to be kept in credit. When a member's credit is exhausted he will be notified in writing by the Secretary to pay such an amount as to bring his account into credit to the extent of twenty-five dollars or more, either more or less than twenty-five dollars, as the Committee may decide. Should this deposit not be made within twenty-four hours after the notice from the Secretary has been posted to him, such member, all in fact, be suspended from all privileges of membership until his deposit has been made.

Rules Expunged.

2. (2). Any member whose account is not in credit and who continues to make use of the Club for more than 24 hours after the letter mentioned in Rule (1) has been posted to him, shall at the discretion of the Committee be posted as a "delinquent" on the Club's notice board.

Any member who has been posted a delinquent under this rule shall, at the discretion of the Committee and as from the time of the posting of a delinquent notice, be a member of the Club, but shall not be entitled to vote or to be elected to any office or position in the Club, until such member has paid the amount of his delinquency to the Secretary. Notification of a delinquent notice passed under this rule shall be a member of the Club, shall be given to that member by registered post.

Cash Deposits.

The President, moving the resolution, said that the proposal had originated from a very heavily signed petition in the suggestion book. The Committee rather leapt at the idea of introducing a new system which would do away with two big evils of late years, bad debts and the great difficulty of collecting money which seemed to be in danger.

They thought that there were many dangers in the cash system, and they therefore considered establishing a system of cash deposits. The figure of \$25 might be called a middle figure. It was certainly not the intention of the Committee that an old member who has been in the Club by long service should be asked to pay \$25. All it was proposed was of an old member was to pay deposit of \$10.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. W. C. Hill.

Silent Opposition.

Mr. C. Suter said he felt there was a certain amount of silent opposition in the minds of some of their young members but they could take it as an established fact that their interests would be looked after by the Committee to the maximum extent possible. The Committee members, and it was not their intention to inject any harshness on the members or get them to put a lot of money into the Club for the Committee to play with.

Mr. H. E. Trenerry said he considered that the 24 hours mentioned in the rule should be extended to 72 hours. This he considered would be fair to out-station members. He was informed that cases of such kind could safely be left in the hands of the Committee.

Mr. Gilmore: But what of future delinquents?

There was very little discussion and no resolution was passed on the show of hands. The request whether a ballot was needed, went unheeded.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

THE DRAW FOR THE FIRST ROUND.

The draw was made yesterday for the championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club. The first two rounds were to be played by December 4, the semi-finals by December 11 and the final on December 18. All matches with the exception of the final are over 18 holes.

The names of Capt. Erskine and T. D. E. Pendered appear in the top quarter of the draw, and it is quite probable that they will meet in the second round, and one of them may go on to win.

Capt. Bloxham, who has been playing particularly well lately, is in the second half. He meets R. M. Smith in the first round.

The draw is as under:

Captain L. D. Erskine v K. S. Robertson.

T. D. E. Pendered v L. R. Anderson.

G. Murray v W. Ironside.

AMBULANCE WORK.

ST. JOHN BRIGADE FIELD DAY.

Members of St. John Ambulance Brigade had a successful field day at Stanley on Sunday afternoon, the party later visiting the site of one of the first military barracks in the Colony where the 50th Regiment was stationed in 1842.

Here some 24 per cent of the troops died from malarial fever during the months between May and October 1843 whilst in 1850 136 men out of 568 fell victims to fever. At Stanley there is also a cemetery in which these men were buried.

The Staff Officers present were: Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. A. Morris, Dr. W. M. Koch, and Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, with Staff-Sergeant Gilmore and Sergt. Crewatt of the R.A.M.C. Other officers present were:

Y.M.C.A.—Mr. Chak and Mr. Sze-To.

Mongkok.—Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. Ip Kun-wa and Dr. K. K. Wong.

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Kowloon.—Mr. G. Savage and Dr. B. C. Wong.

THE DOOR OF HOPE.

ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE DONATION.

Mrs. J. M. Wright of the "Door of Hope," Canton, has received a letter from Mrs. A. Blanchett of Canton enclosing a cheque for \$200, being a contribution towards the work by the pupils of St. Stephen's Girls' College. The money was raised at a sale of work in connexion with the Ministering Children's League. This is the third contribution from the College.

Expressing thanks for the gift, Mrs. Wright said the funds for the "Door of Hope" were extremely low, there being a balance of about four dollars with some bills to be met. The letter expressed warm appreciation of the generosity of the pupils of St. Stephen's Girls' College.

DEATHS AT SEA.

SEVERAL REPORTS FROM SHIPS.

Yesterday morning's Harbour Office reports gave an unusual return of deaths at sea, recorded by vessels arriving from the south.

The Pembroke, from Europe and Singapore, states that one Chinese died at sea, but no cause of death is stated.

The Seistan, from Singapore and Hochoo, reports that three deaths occurred. One of these was due to chronic malaria, and two to tuberculosis.

The Kalgan, from Bangkok and Swatow, reports the death of one Chinese from natural causes, whilst en route from Bangkok to Swatow on November 21. The body was buried at sea.

RUBBER MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Messrs Carpoll Bros. have been advised of the following quotations on Rubber shares:

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SHANGHAI SOVIET.

PETITION FOR REMOVAL BEING SIGNED.

Charging that the Soviet Consulate in Whangpoo Road harbours people who are instigators of lawlessness, strikes, assassinations of loyal workers, intimidation and general chaos here, residents of Shanghai are signing a petition to their Consular representatives, the Shanghai Municipal Council and the Chinese authorities against the activities of the "Red" Russians in the Consulate and calling upon these authorities to take steps to remove the menace.

The petition reads as follows:

We, the undersigned, residents of Shanghai, protest to our Consular representatives, the Shanghai Municipal Council, and the Chinese authorities against the activities of the Red Russian element residing in the U.S.S.R. Consulate-General, at No. 1, Whangpoo Road, and which is the Consulate-General of a Power with which the internationally recognized Government of China has broken off diplomatic relations, after exposing to the world its subversive activities in fomenting trouble in China.

These people are the instigators of all the lawlessness, strikes, assassinations of loyal workers, intimidation and general chaos existing here and elsewhere in China. Their recent display, on November 7, was a direct incitement to reprisal by the White Russians, and resulted in the shooting of several of the latter, and which can only be described as deliberate murder and attempted murder. Their principal aim is to create anarchy, and to bring about the ultimate ruin of the port of Shanghai. We, therefore, call upon the above-named authorities to take such steps as the situation demands, and to remove this menace from the confines of Shanghai.

In view of the fact that Soviet armed forces are now on the way to Shanghai ostensibly to defend the Soviet Consulate here, it is all the more important that no time be lost in presenting this petition to the authorities, as the international residents of Shanghai need scarcely emphasize that while it would be a comparatively simple matter to close the Consulate now, a more difficult problem would arise should armed forces become entrenched there and who would be likely to offer armed resistance.

Guilt of the Soviet.

That the Soviet Consulate General was paying directly to one small group of labour agitators the sum of \$1,000 for each factory strike that they succeeded in fomenting was among the evidence submitted in documentary form on Tuesday morning, in the Provisional Court, by Counsel for the Shanghai Defence Commission.

This sensational revelation was made in the course of the trial of one Lo Siu-mei and six colleagues, including one woman, who were charged by the Settlement police with intimidation and inciting to strike in the Wing On Company's mill.

Ample evidence was submitted by the police, but in the course of the trial Counsel for the Chinese authorities announced that he had a communication from the Defence Commissioner and evidence to submit proving that the accused were wanted for similar offences in Chinese territory.

\$1,000 per Strike.

In the Defence Commissioner's communication was set forth the unqualified statement that this particular group received from the Soviet Consulate General \$1,000 for each strike that they set in motion by agitation or intimidation, that the striking mill hands, from the mills that they succeeded in closing received nothing of this, and that the loss of monthly profits to the mills that they had already crippled meant a loss of \$20,000 monthly to the "Nationalist" Government, presumably in taxes.

The open charge against the Consulate General of the U.S.S.R. of financing the subversive activities of the prisoners, who seemed to have no occupation other than that of trouble-makers, was already widely known and was the subject of much comment in foreign circles, the assumption naturally being that the whole recrudescence of labour unrest, intimidation and of other criminal acts against loyal workers and foremen is again traceable to the same fountain head from which it was inspired in March of this year.

The Earl of Powis, Lord Lieutenant of the County, presided over a numerous and representative gathering at the Shirehall, Shrewsbury, when a resolution to form a Shropshire branch of the National Playing Fields Association was carried unanimously. A telegram was received by the Lord Lieutenant from the Duke of York, president of the National Association, congratulating Shropshire on supporting the movement and

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A TEST TRANSMISSION THIS EVENING.

An experimental wireless programme under the auspices of the Hongkong Radio Society will be broadcast this evening on a wavelength of 475 metres, the transmission commencing at 7 p.m. The programme will consist of the following Brunswick recordings and two items by Signa. Speeding. "Sleeping Beauty." (waltz). "In a Monastery Garden." (selection). "Yesterday." (song). "Gungor Din." Signa. Speeding. R. Signals. "Gypsies' Love Song." (violin solo). "The Prisoner's Song." (vocal). "Lily." (foxtrot). "Down Kentucky Way." (vocal). "If you can't tell the world she's a good little girl." (vocal). "Marchioness, you're Dancing." (orchestral selection). "Love's Old Sweet Song." (guitar). Yorkshire Monologue by Signa. Speeding. "The Drinking Song." (vocal). "Song Without Words." (cello). "Rosy Cheeks." (foxtrot). "Honolulu Moon." (pipe organ). "Barcarolle." (piano). "Blue Ridge Mountain Home." (vocal). "The More we are Together." (vocal). "One Alone." (vocal). "Overture, 1812." (orchestral selection). Reports on this transmission should be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Radio Society.

MOTOR CAR DRAW.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FETE FEATURE.

There remain only a few more days in which tickets for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul motor car draw can be obtained. As in past years, the draw will represent one of the most attractive features of the annual bazaar and the prize offered this year, an Erskine six cylinder, four seater sedan de luxe, is especially attractive in view of the reasonable price of \$3 of the tickets.

The Society acknowledges the following donations to the funds of the Fete, which will be held on December 4.

Mr. Woo Hay Tong \$100

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Sir Henry C. Gollan 10

Mr. W. W. Hornell 5

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DENNIS VEHICLES FOR KAI TACK COMPANY.

Further additions to the fleet of the Kai Tack Bus Company will be made in January when the new Dennis 20 seater buses built on the low chassis will arrive.

Six of these new buses have been ordered, and it is proposed later to make further additions to the fleet. The Kai Tack Company is now under new management and will run a greatly improved service when the new buses are in commission.

wishing the County Association, which his Royal Highness expressed the hope would be formed, every success. Lord Powis referred to the gift of Mr. Brown of 34 acres of playing fields to the County Association for Church Street, and expressed the hope that many of the landowners would follow his generous and public-spirited example.

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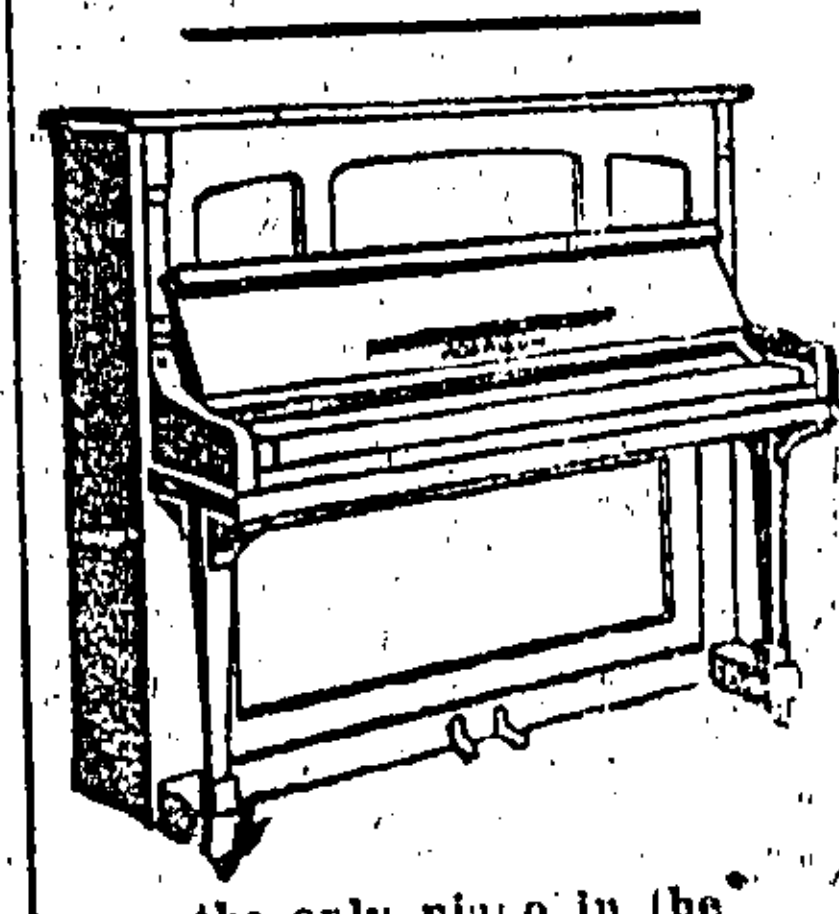
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As Britishers we have just cause for pride in pointing to the outpost of empire in the south. The island and the territory across the harbour testify to that which signifies the grandeur of enterprise and the greatness of empire, and withal there remains the fundamental fact that administration is untainted.

Recognition From Statesmen.

These are facts of which Britishers are conscious. Enriched by this knowledge we plead to no affection nor adulation in welcoming into our midst a gentleman who merits the respect of his compatriots as he has so worthily commanded recognition from statesmen.

When he enters the port Sir Cecil Clementi will have the satisfaction shared by other distinguished visitors that this stately city was founded by his kinsmen, and then, magnanimously, converted into an International Settlement which has developed into a veritable Alsatia for political refugees and an Eldorado for commercial princes.

Shanghai's commercial men—representative of the British community—will honour themselves as they will honour him when they entertain their gifted guest, and it is possible some chaste acknowledgment will be made of the proverbial hospitality of this Manchester of the East.

Profit by Utterances.

We shall profit by the utterances of a man who is burdened with thoughts of the restless East, claims close acquaintance with truths, and can clothe his ideas in attractive "raiment." There are times when we regret the disinterestedness of British statesmen—we almost pleaded the ignorance—and the alienation of all those ties which should closely bind the overseas communities to the mother country. Not for a moment should we doubt the interest of Imperialists at home as well as abroad.

We are, individually and collectively links in the great golden chain. But, there are hours when we deplore the isolation, the absence of administrators, the lack of that communion of thought and soul which should characterize the bold boy and the parent. Britishers who have earned distinction and won recognition do not come our way in clouds.

Hence the enthusiasm and the interest shown in the approach of a gentleman who has acquired fame as an administrator and won respect as a Chinese sympathiser.

Peace and Order.

We do not stand alone in our acknowledgment of indebtedness. A Peking editor, a few days ago, felt impelled to indite an article captioned "This Peace," and reviewing a visit to the capital said:—"Sir Cecil Clementi, Governor of Hongkong, told Premier Pan F. and members of his Cabinet at dinner here the other night, that peace and order were the necessary controls to prosperity in China. These sentiments are not original; they are good, honest bromides; every portentous speaker would be rolled upon to say the same thing."

One thought will readily occur to mind, however, originality is not always desirable. Certain fundamental truths, once established, endure forever; just as the elementary facts of science are plain to see and far more necessary to the well-being of the harried human being than an assortment of untried ideas.

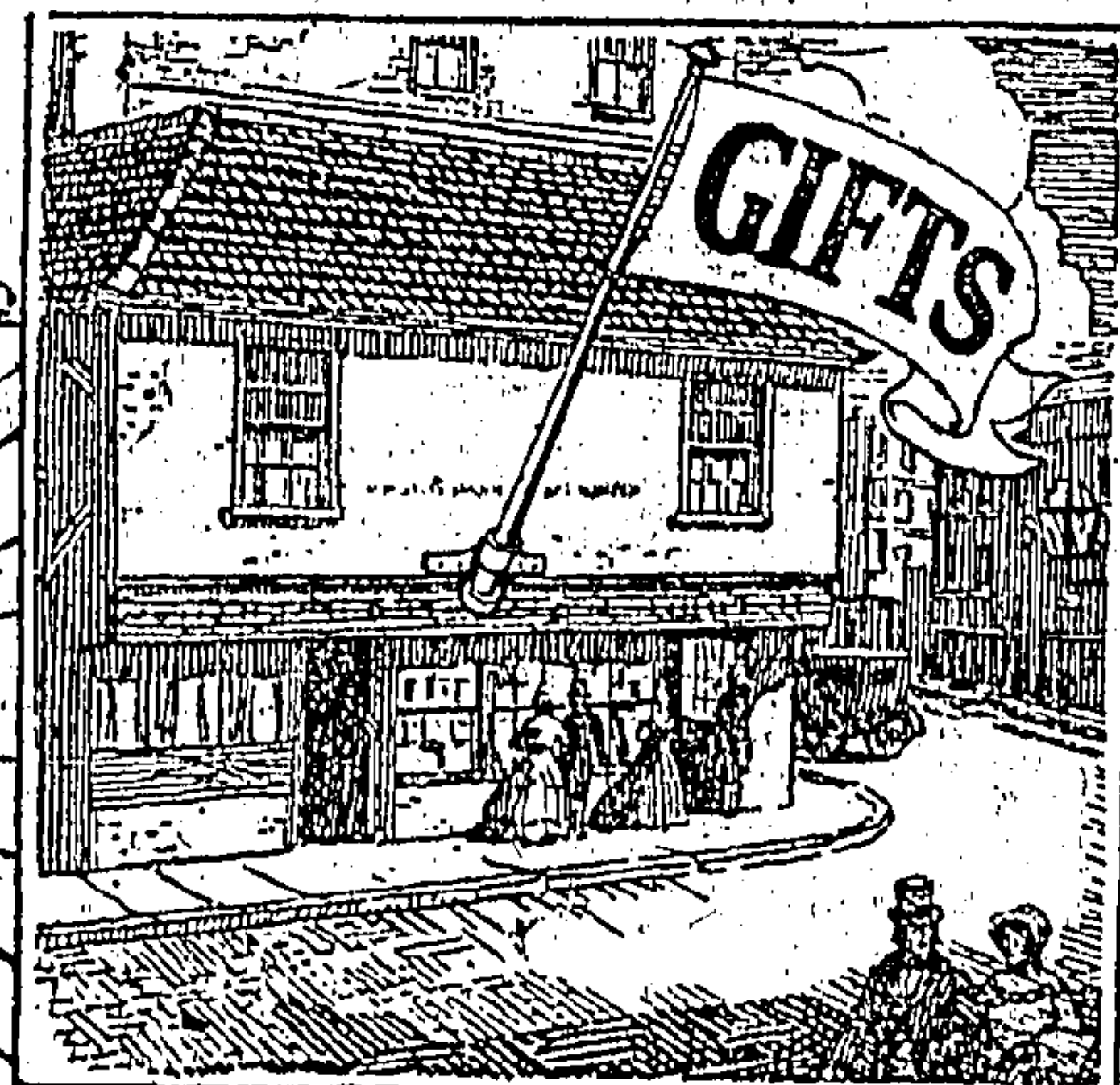
A Frank Editorial.

The distinguished diplomat and scholar could have tapped the resources of his brilliance for a week without touching upon a single thing of greater force than this—peace. True, too true, but we are in hopes that Sir Cecil Clementi will not only learn of the aspirations of our Chinese neighbours but be informed of the legitimate hopes of those of us who have the honour to respect the traditions of the men who created a city out of a mud-flat, and generously sheltered the persecuted when China failed to offer protection.

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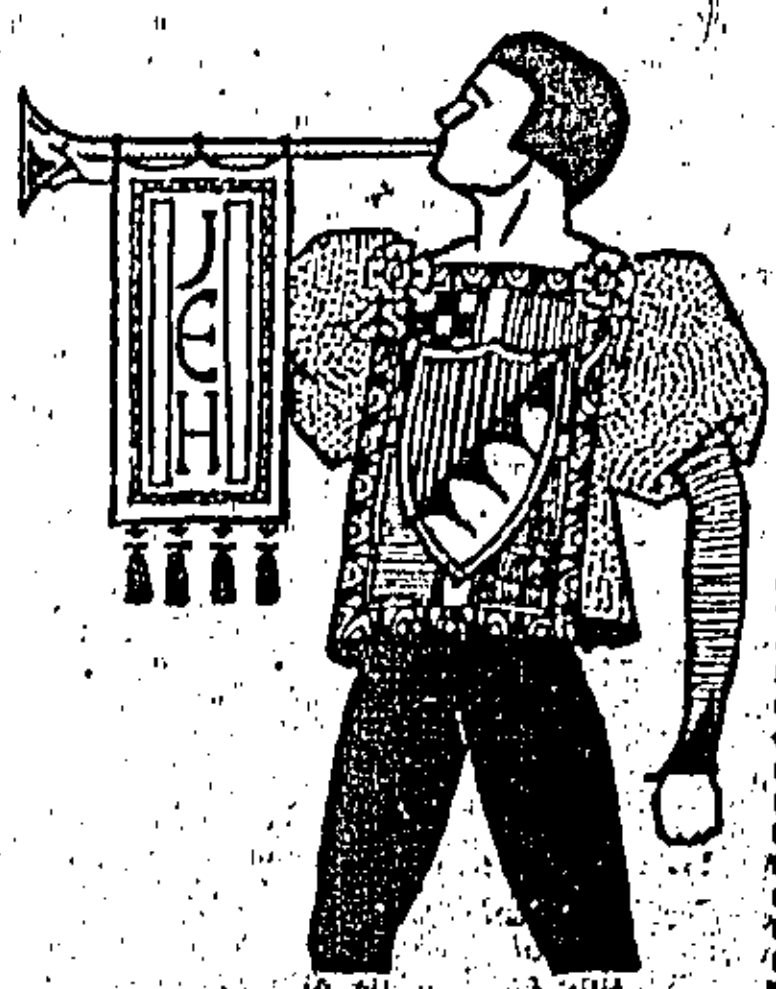
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The North China Standard, in a delightfully frank editorial, seeks to review the uttered and the unuttered views of our distinguished guest in this happy strain: China's trouble, however, lies in the methods by which the people go about trying to get this peace. Chang Tso-lin applies his pacification policy, which is a straightforward effort to conquer the rest of China, directly or by negotiation. Giving the dictator his due it might be, probably is, his dream of a China united under his banner, peaceful and prosperous, with himself in the seat of a Solomon. He can scarcely be accused of having a lot of trouble about the house because he likes it.

China's War Trouble.

Then again the group of men who claim the right to interpret the Kuomintang doctrines have still another idea, strangely like Chang Tso-lin's, but with this vast difference, that one of themselves would be the top dog in a peaceful and unified China, and not Chang Tso-lin. Feng Yu-shiang and Yen Hsi-shan, to mention two of many ambitious pacifiers, may be credited with the same sort of a dream of union and peace, but always with a different fountain-head. How to bring these factions to agree upon a common basis is the trouble, and some idea of the kind would be welcomed from speakers and students concerned in China's affairs.

Chinese have a view of their own about the causes of the present disintegration. Sir Cecil said many had told him they blamed the railways "as the curse of war-torn China. As the transportation of to-day is a foreign thing the assumption is China's taste for war is derived from the foreigner."

OBITUARY.

MRS. RAYNA RAPHAELSON PROHME.

Mr. W. Prohme, formerly of Peking and Canton, has received distressing news of the sudden death in Moscow of his wife, who was well-known in America, China and elsewhere by her pen-name, "Rayna Raphaelson."

Mrs. Prohme was born in Chicago and like her husband was a journalist. She was a graduate of Illinois University and had done some post graduate work at the University of Chicago, department of Philosophy. They came to China some two and a half years ago and allied themselves with the Nationalist cause, for a time conducting the *People's Tribune* in Peking. Then at the invitation of Mr. Eugene Chen they came down to Canton and conducted the *Canton Gazette*, afterwards going up to Hankow. When Mrs. Sun Yat-sen went to Russia, Mrs. Prohme accompanied her, intending to travel together around the world. Mr. Prohme remained in Shanghai and then went to Manila where a cable reached him on Monday, informing him of his wife's death from brain fever. He is now on his way to Moscow.

Mrs. Prohme was a young and attractive lady of earnest temperament and vibrant personality, and the shock to her husband is naturally a heavy one.

The rivers of China were not laid down by the foreigner, and this system of transport was rather largely used in the centuries of warfare before the coming of the railways. Suspicion must be cast on the devil and not God, for making war rivers.

China's war trouble is not a matter of transport, but of a peculiarly riotous idea as to the methods of securing peace.

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OUR NEW SERIAL

THE HOUSE OF SIN.

By ALLEN UPWARD.
(Author of "The Yellow Hand,"
"The Ordeal of Fire," etc.)

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS:

Dr. Tarleton, a criminologist, who is the confidant of the Home Office, receives a night call from Burrows, a steward of the Duke of Altringham, who tells the Doctor of the dead body of an unknown man being in his (the Duke's) house. Others in the story are: Captain Theobald, who is affianced to Lady Rosa, daughter of the Duke; Lady Agatha, another daughter, who has become an Anglican nun. She tells Dr. Tarleton that he has entered a house of sin.

CHAPTER VIII.

Dr. Tarleton descended the stairs of the mansion in a very thoughtful frame of mind.

More for the sake of keeping up appearances than anything else he went down into the basement, and made a perfunctory search of the menservants' rooms, bestowing particular attention on the one occupied by the negro Palu. But the search yielded no result.

After taking a hasty breakfast served for him in the steward's room he decided to communicate part of his discoveries to the Duke of Altringham in the hope of eliciting some further light from his Grace.

He found the Duke in his library in close consultation with Burrows, and the guilty look with which both of them greeted his appearance showed pretty plainly that their consultation had been one which they would not have liked him to overhear. However, he affected to notice nothing, and approached the Duke with a confidential air.

"I am very sorry to disturb you," he said, blandly, "but I expect you would like to know the result of my investigation so far."

An expression of eagerness, almost of surprise, crossed the faces of the two men.

"Certainly, certainly," the Duke hastened to answer, at the same time motioning his steward to offer the visitor a chair. "It is very good of you, Dr. Tarleton, I'm sure."

"In the first place I have confirmed my theory as to the cause of death. The dead man was killed by an arrow taken from Captain Theobald's room. We found that the quiver had been tampered with."

His Grace breathed uneasily. "Of course, that was done without Theobald's knowledge," he put in; Tarleton nodded carelessly. "Naturally. The Captain was greatly shocked by the discovery. He feels himself to blame for not having rendered the arrows harmless. In the second place, I believe I have identified the deceased."

This time it was the steward who showed much uneasiness. The expert proceeded.

"He appears to have been an actor known on the stage as Edwin Montacute."

"How on earth did you find that out?"

In his astonishment his Grace betrayed himself by a look at Burrows, which revealed that both of them had been aware all along of what the expert had discovered. But Tarleton answered without appearing to notice anything.

"I found his portrait in Lady Rosa's sitting-room, signed by himself."

The Duke of Altringham groaned aloud. "Doctor, you don't—you can't think my daughter has any connection with his terrible affair!"

"She is the last person I should be inclined to suspect," was the guarded answer. "Judging from her demeanour, she is entirely ignorant that this man was secretly coming to Trinford House. But there seems no doubt that he formerly visited here openly, and, of course, that is bound to come out at the inquest."

The Duke wrung his hands. "No, doctor, there must be no inquest—you must see that—no matter what it costs me."

"I'm afraid you will find it impossible to avoid one. Remember, there is a dead body in the house. It must be buried, and it can't be buried without the Coroner's warrant. No doctor would dare to give you a certificate."

"Couldn't the Home Secretary dispense with that?"

"The Home Secretary cannot dispense with an Act of Parliament. It is not even as though Montacute were an unknown man. His disappearance will create a sensation,

and it will have to be accounted for."

His Grace turned a strange glance on Burrows, who shook his head imperceptibly.

"All we can do," the investigator went on, "is to try to find out as much as possible before the police come upon the scene, in the hope that it may relieve the innocent of suspicion. There is another clue which I have not yet followed up, and you can help me to do so."

"Anything in my power," stammered the Duke, in some confusion. "I found a latchkey in the murdered man's pocket, you remember, which you told me belonged to the servants' door."

"Yes," His Grace looked expectant.

"First of all, perhaps Mr. Burrows can tell me how many keys there were to the side door of the house?"

The steward appealed to his master with a look before he answered. "Only four, as far as I know, beside his Grace's."

"And in whose possession were they?"

"I have one—"

"Excuse me, do you happen to have it about you?"

Burrows started, turned red, and suddenly produced a bunch of keys from his pocket.

"This is it, sir." He was about to take a key off the ring when Tarleton stopped him.

"Thank you, that is quite enough. Now will you tell me who had the others?"

"The butler, Mr. George; Mr. Symonds, his Grace's man; and Mademoiselle Pregut."

"What about the housekeeper?"

put in the Duke, who was beginning to show less uneasiness.

"Mrs. Hempstead is never out at night, your Grace. She gave her key to Mademoiselle."

"And who is Mademoiselle?"

questioned the specialist.

"She is her Grace's maid."

"Ah, yes, of course," Tarleton turned to the Duke. "What I venture to suggest is that you should send for these three, all together, and ask them to produce their keys. There is no need to tell them anything, except that you have reason to think one is missing."

The Duke of Altringham assented with something like cordiality. "Go and get them here, Burrows."

"I beg your pardon, Duke, but I think it would be more satisfactory to Mr. Burrows himself if he remained in the room. We ought to see all four keys together."

The steward looked anything but satisfied with this amendment, which his master, on the contrary, approved.

"You are quite right, doctor. I see your point. Ring the bell, Burrows."

The footman who appeared in answer received the Duke's order with the sublime indifference of his caste.

"Tell the butler and my valet and her Grace's maid to come here at once."

The first to respond to the summons was the butler, a stout, apoplectic personage, who had plainly spared no pains to acquire a practical knowledge of vintages. The Duke's man followed, a sleek, sly-looking individual with the air of knowing enough to hang his master and half his acquaintances. The last, to trip into the room was Mademoiselle Pregut.

Dr. Tarleton's experience had made him familiar with many ladies' maids, but never with one like this. No one could have supposed her to be a servant. She was a typical Parisian of a type only to be met with in Paris, the woman whose manner conveyed that she is always ready to entertain any proposal. Her dress made Lady Rosa's seem almost dowdy in the remembrance, and her naturally attractive features were set off with every advantage that cosmetics could bestow.

The Duke of Altringham addressed the expectant three with an elaboration which showed that he fully entered into his part.

"I have sent for you because each of you has been entrusted with a key of the side door, and I am informed that one of the keys is missing. It is a serious matter, because there are jewels in the house which would be a great prize for a burglar. I must now call upon each of you to produce the key that ought to be in your possession."

Dr. Tarleton scanned the three faces with grim expectancy.

(To Be Continued)

SHANGHAI GANG SENT TO GAOL.

DESPERATE CRIMINALS CONVICTED.

LENGTHY INDICTMENT.

A total of 154 years imprisonment was distributed amongst 11 members of a gang of 18 armed robbers who appeared before the Provisional Court at Shanghai last week for sentence in connection with a long series of crimes proved against them to the satisfaction of Judge Hsiung and Deputy Stevens. Several of the accused were "loaned" by the French Police for trial in this case and were taken from the French Municipal Gaol for the purpose where they were serving terms of imprisonment for offences committed in the French Concession.

Seven of the 18 accused were discharged as the evidence against them was not considered sufficient to convict them. Of the 11 who were found guilty eight were deprived of all civil rights for the rest of their lives. When the convicted men finish serving their sentences in the French Municipal Gaol they will be transferred to the International Settlement Gaol to serve the sentences imposed upon them yesterday, if they live long enough.

In disposing of this gang the Shanghai Municipal Police and French Municipal Police both agree that they have rid the two Settlements of a dangerous and highly efficient gang of armed desperadoes.

COUNCIL WINS.

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The notice of discontinuance served by the defendants on the plaintiffs was limited to the supply of electric power to the printing press, whereas in fact the defendants discontinued, in addition, the supply of power to the plaintiffs' light and fans.

Now it is obvious that the exercise of the right of self-preservation must be strictly confined within the minimum limits necessary, and it is easy to conceive of cases in which the discontinuance of public utilities necessary to health and security might entail consequences detrimental to the community. In this case the Court finds that the additional discontinuance of the supply of power to the plaintiffs' lights and fans constituted action in excess of the minimum limits necessary, and that, in respect of such additional discontinuance, the action of the defendants was not reasonable.

Nominal Damages.

The Court therefore makes the following order:

(1) The petition of the plaintiffs for a perpetual injunction restraining defendants from discontinuing the supply of electric power to the plaintiffs is dismissed, and the temporary injunction granted pending the hearing of this case is dissolved.

(2) The sum of Tls. 139.20, being the amount of the general municipal rate lawfully due upon the premises, occupied by the plaintiffs, to be paid to the defendants out of the moneys deposited by the plaintiffs with the Court.

(3) The balance of the moneys deposited by the plaintiffs with the Court after deducting (a) the sum of Tls. 139.20, and (b) the amount of the plaintiffs' court fees, to be paid out to the plaintiffs.

(4) The sum of one dollar to be paid by the defendants to the plaintiffs as nominal damages in respect of the discontinuance of the supply of electric power to the plaintiffs' lights and fans.

(5) Each of the parties to pay their own costs and one half of the Court fees fixed in the sum of \$50.

PUBLIC MONEY.

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clusive at \$45 per mensem. A supplementary vote for \$69 is requested which it is proposed to meet from savings under Sub-Head 6, Hose.

Railway Sleepers.

\$300 for Kowloon-Canton Railway: Sleepers.—Provision made in Estimates \$22,000. Estimated amount required to pay a fee to Mr. W. R. Davidson, M. Inst. C.E., Assistant Chief Engineer, New Zealand Government Railways, for submission of a report on the use of concrete sleepers on the tracks of the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

This expenditure could not be foreseen when the Estimates were prepared and a supplementary vote is asked for. The above is to be met from savings under Other Charges, Rails and Fastenings.

FROM 'FRISCO TO NEW ZEALAND.

AIRMAN'S TWO FALSE STARTS.

HIS BACKER ANNOYED.

Detroit, Nov. 23.

A sharp telegram of censure ordering him to get the ship "ready to go" instead of performing for "cheap and vulgar publicity," was sent to-day to Capt. Frederick A. Giles by his backer, William H. Rosenwarne, of this city. Giles proposes to fly to New Zealand. He has turned back twice after starting for Hawaii, his first objective.

Blames Weather.

San Francisco, Nov. 23.

Capt. Frederick A. Giles, who turned back yesterday after attempting to fly to Honolulu, said to-day that the weather conditions he encountered were "simply impossible, and it is not reasonable to think they could have existed."

The weather bureau was at a loss to explain the violent weather Giles ran into. Major E. H. Bowie, the bureau's forecaster, told the Associated Press that the weather charts showed no abnormal conditions along the great circles route yesterday. He said that ships reported a calm sea and light winds.

Giles said that he headed for the mainland after his ship ran into an airpocket and turned completely upside down, scattering his charts, food and instruments into the ocean. He landed near the W. R. Hearst ranch at San Simeon. He intends to fly his plane back to San Francisco tomorrow.

Giles also made a false start last week. He turned back because of fog after flying only 20 miles to sea. At the time of his take off to-day, the weather bureau reported that flying conditions were favourable.

THEFTS OF GLASS.

LENIENT TREATMENT IN COURT.

As a result of continued larceny of glass from No. 17, Queen's Road West, the proprietor of the shop set a watch to see how the glass was being stolen. Following careful observation, he traced the occasional shortages to the actions of three foks of the shop.

These men were charged before Major C. Willson a few days ago and one of them pleaded guilty.

When the case was continued this morning, Mr. D. McCallum, prosecuting, asked his Worship to take a lenient view of the offence. He informed the Magistrate that the proceedings were taken more as a warning than anything else. He proposed that the Magistrate should discharge two of the defendants and deal with the third man, who had pleaded guilty, in the lightest possible way. His Worship accordingly discharged two men and penalised the third in the sum of \$20.

FATAL MOTOR MISHAP.

TOURISTS EXONERATE DRIVER.

A public car, while taking two American tourists on a sight-seeing trip round the Colony yesterday was involved in a fatal accident when it reached Pokfulam. As it drove past the University Recreation Ground, a man stepped out on to the roadway and was run down and killed by the car before the driver could apply the brakes.

The victim was a gardener employed at a house opposite the spot where the accident occurred, this house being occupied by Dr. Ma Luk San. First-aid was promptly rendered, but the man's condition was past all aid.

The tourists, when interrogated by the police, declared that the accident was one beyond the driver's control.

PICNIC DISASTER.

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND.

Near the spot where the Saikung ferry caught fire on Sunday last, while taking a party of Hongkong Chinese residents to Nam Tau Sha, the body of a Chinese woman, as yet unidentified, has been picked up by a police launch and brought back to Hongkong where it now awaits identification at the Mortuary.

It is thought that the woman was one of those who jumped overboard at the start of the outbreak and perished with a number of other victims in the water.

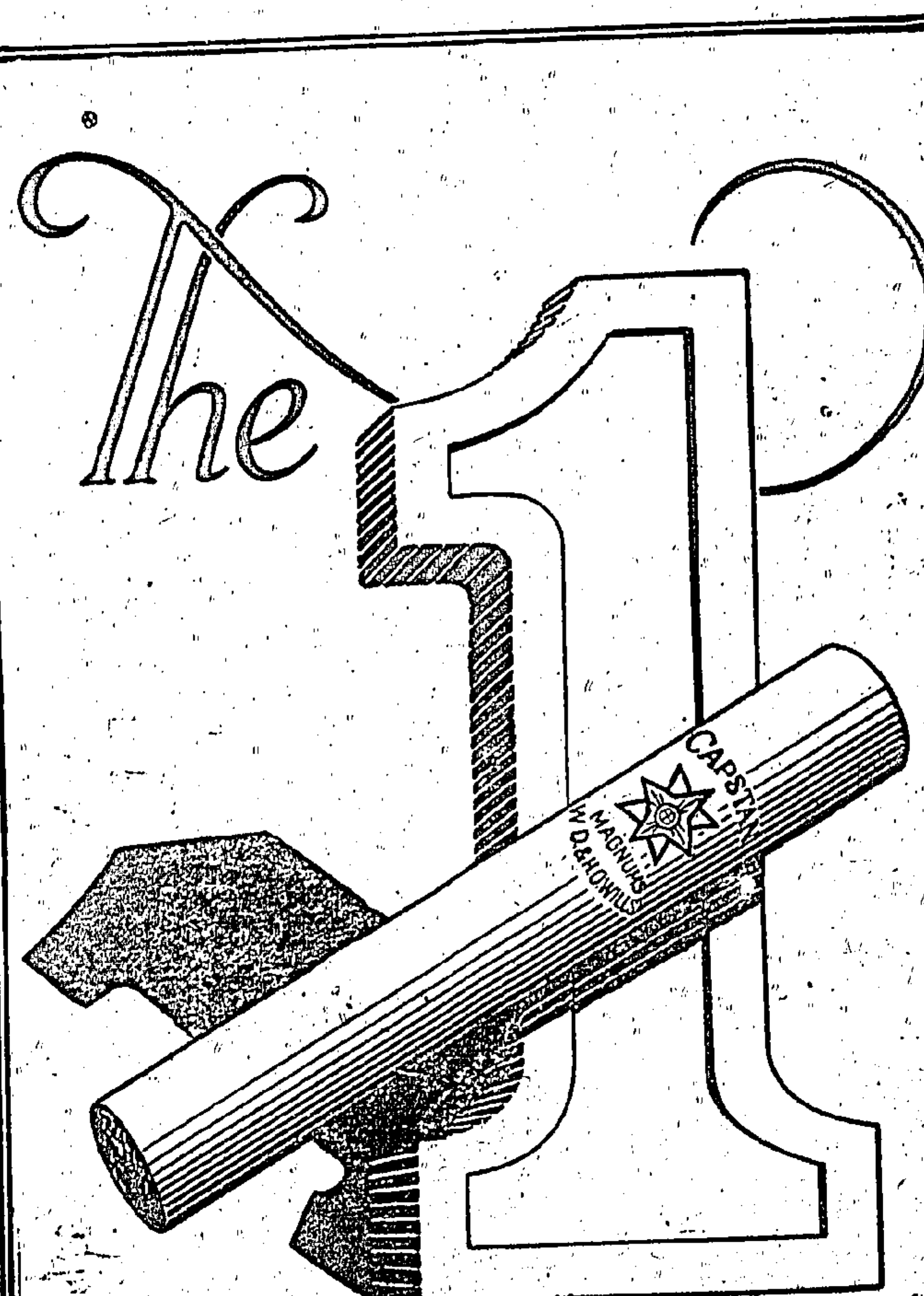


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The Saratoga's upper deck is fitted as an aerodrome, 880 ft. long by 90 ft. in breadth. It is 60 ft. above the waterline, and has an area of five acres. American wits suggest that the completion of this ship adds a new State to the Union. The flight deck is equipped with landing nets and other devices which will, it is claimed, enable aeroplanes to fly off from or alight on the ship with perfect safety in almost any weather. All the boiler uptakes are led into a single gigantic funnel casing, 120 ft. in diameter, through which ten railway trains could pass abreast. This funnel is elliptical in shape, and together with the gun turrets, bridge, and other tophamper is placed on the extreme starboard side of the ship, leaving the flight deck practically clear for aviation purposes. This arrangement of the upper works was first adopted by British naval designers in the carriers Eagle and Hermes.

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HOTEL THEATRE.

AN INTERESTING MANILA
PROJECT.

A theatre to be run in conjunction with the hostelry business will soon be established by the Manila Hotel, and plans for the early erection of the structure are being pushed forward rapidly under the personal direction of Mr. Walter Antrim, manager of the Manila Hotel.

Announcement was made by Mr. Antrim to the effect that the proposal to establish a theatre has already been approved in principle by the Manila Hotel management. Architects, according to him, are now tentatively going over the proposed plans.

The theatre building, Mr. Antrim informed the Bulletin, will be probably constructed on the hotel site, and, when completed, it will be both artistically imposing and beautiful and sufficiently large to meet with the general entertainment and theatrical amusements not only of the hotel guests themselves but of the patrons of that place. It was impossible, however for Mr. Antrim to furnish details.

The hotel people are having the co-operation of the Community Players, who are furnishing general information useful in connection with the undertaking. The Community Players, however, it was said by A. P. Drakeford, president, as an organization, are not financially or materially interested in the project.

Two directors of the Community Players are soon leaving for the United States on vacation, and Mr. Drakeford declared, they will take the opportunity while there to furnish the hotel management with data that may be of value. While in the United States the directors will visit important theatrical centres.

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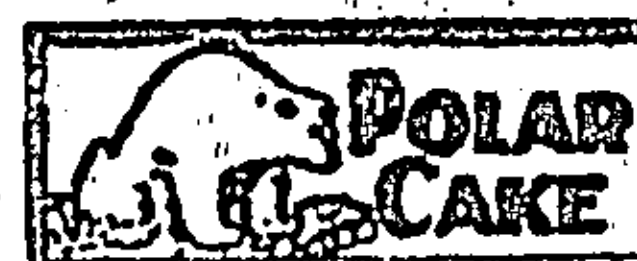
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floating aerodrome, the American designers have contrived to endow her with powerful fighting qualities of her own. The hull is heavily armoured against gunfire and anti-torpedo bulges of the British pattern are fitted along the greater part of the waterline. Eight 8-in. guns with a range of twelve miles are mounted in twin turrets. There are also twelve 5-in. anti-aircraft guns and four torpedo tubes. The Saratoga is, therefore, armed more heavily than a modern cruiser of the "County" class. Her consort, the Lexington, is to be ready in January.

American naval opinion as a whole is hostile to these ships on account of their prodigious size, vulnerability, and cost. By the time she is commissioned the Saratoga will have cost £10,000,000, a sum which would have paid for four or five of the largest cruisers. A Washington service journal says that "the huge size of the two new carriers will be a serious handicap to their efficiency. So valuable and vulnerable are they that the mere question of protecting them in warfare presents a grave problem."



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A MOTOR DRIVER'S
IDENTITY.

MAGISTRATE TO SEE FOR
HIMSELF.

During the hearing of the week-
ly list of traffic prosecutions at the
Central Magistracy this morning,
before Major C. Willson, the
owner of private motor-car No. 4
was summoned for reckless driv-
ing while negotiating the junc-
tion of Pedder Street and Des
Vaux Road, on November 18.

Mr. Horace Lo, who defen-
ded, questioned the vagueness of the
term "the driver in the summons."
He said he was appearing for the
owner if that man was the person
for whom the summons was in-
tended.

Evidence was given by Traffic
Sergeant A. L. Hopkins, that at 3.25
on the afternoon of the day in
question he was on the verandah
of the second floor of Union
Building when he saw the de-
fendant's car being driven along
Des Vaux Road in an easterly
direction. As the car was ap-
proaching Pedder Street its speed
would be 20 m.p.h. according to the
estimate of witness. While cross-
ing Pedder Street the driver made
a great deal of noise with his horn,
which could be heard above the
traffic, and the car did not slow
down, although a tram-car, pro-
ceeding in the opposite direction,
stopped at the red light. Witness
said he could recognise the de-
fendant as the man who was driv-
ing the car.

The defendant, a Chinese, giv-
ing evidence, said he owned the
car, but he sometimes lent it to
friends. He had four drivers
apart from his friends. The day
in question was so long ago, that
he could not remember whether
he was driving the car or not.

Mr. Lo submitted that the evi-
dence for the prosecution with re-
gard to the identity of the de-
fendant was too vague and uncer-
tain to be relied upon. If his
Worship accepted the witness's
evidence as identifying the driver,
then he would ask the Magistrate
to visit Union Building and see
if it was possible to recognise any-
one driving a car.

His Worship: Will you under-
take to have an Austin "7" there
with the hood up—I will.

The summons was adjourned
for a week, Major Willson intimat-
ing that he would test the matter
for himself.

Noisy Drivers Fined.
As the result of numerous com-
plaints received from offices in the
town with regard to the nuisance
of noise caused by excessive
sounding of horns, the drivers of
seven public cars and one private
car were summoned.

His Worship remarked that
drivers in the Colony were too
fond of sounding their horns, they
sometimes made a deafening
noise. He would fine them \$2
each.

Another driver, who was stated
by Sgt. Hopkins to have sounded
his horn all the way from Lane
Crawford's to Jardines, was fined
\$4.

Unattended Car.
Mr. T. B. Wilson, residing at
the Hongkong Hotel, was sum-
moned for leaving his motor-car No.
1043 unattended in Des Vaux
Road Central on November 16.
The defendant did not appear.

Sub-Inspector Alexander ex-
plained that the defendant had
gone to the Government Civil
Hospital with the police in connec-
tion with a case, and would prob-
ably appear later.

The case was adjourned for a
short time. Later a representa-
tive of the defendant appeared
and pleaded guilty on behalf of
Mr. Wilson. A fine of \$4 was im-
posed.

NEW BOYCOTT.

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Mission, a Briton, Mr. Mathewson,
of the China Inland Mission, and a
German doctor, Dr. Fitchner, who
is a well-known explorer.

It appears that the Tibetan of-
ficials were very anxious to pre-
vent the party from entering
Lhasa, and proposed to conduct
them to Ladakh, en route to India.

This effectively disposes of
the fears that the party were mur-
dered on the Tibetan border, but
hitherto no news of their arrival
in India has been received here.

The party consisting of the
families McLeod and Duncan,
whose safety was feared for in
September, are officially reported
to have crossed the border from
China and to have arrived safely
in Burma.—*Reuter*.

BOXING.

WIN FOR SCOTT.

New York, Nov. 28.

Scott knocked out Munn eight
seconds before the finish, having
had much the better of the fight
throughout.—*Reuter*.

THE MORPHIA-TRAFFIC
CASE.

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the seizure by the French police
at Shanghai of a large consigna-
ment of drugs which, from their
coincidence, Christie believed was
the same lot handled by "Georgia."
He then referred to witness' letter
to Swatow, enquired about the
prospective customer, and gave
particulars as to prices and
weights.

Reference to Morphine.

Christie said that he could get
morphia at between \$5.30 to \$5.40
Hongkong currency per kilogram.
This was the first time Christie
referred to "morphia." His pre-
vious references had always been
to "heroin."

Witness was interrupted while
giving this evidence, by a loud
laugh from Christie.

Witness, in resuming, stated
that Christie told him he might
quote at \$600 or \$610 per kilo, and
the difference would be split be-
tween them.

Then Christie spoke of a man
named Blum, who was interested
in the business. On leaving, wit-
ness told Christie that he would
hunt up the customer.

The following Tuesday (Nov. 8),
at 12.10, witness again saw
Christie who called on him in his
room at St. George's Hotel, Ken-
nedy Road. Blum was then in-
troduced to witness for the first
time. It appeared to witness that
Blum could speak perfect English.
This was further revealed in a
subsequent conversation between
the two of them alone, when Eng-
lish was used, and when witness
certainly could not speak Latvian.

A Private Office.

The conversation again reverted
at the opening to the arms deal.
Then Christie produced a telegram
in code, which was addressed to
"Khan Sahib, Hongkong." He
also produced the corresponding
decoded message, which read as
follows: "Overstocked. M. 540
Hongkong Dollars." Christie, in
referring to this price told witness
to quote \$600. Witness promised
to do his best to get hold of the
buyer that evening. Before leav-
ing, Christie informed witness
that he had got a very private office
down at the Yau-mai end of Na-
than Road. "Business is too dan-
gerous to transact at an hotel,"
he added. He made witness write
down the address, which was No.
480, Nathan Road.

Witness reported the interview
to Mr. King and received in-
structions to go that same evening
to the house mentioned. When he
arrived, he found Christie already
there. Christie expressed his dis-
appointment at seeing witness
arriving alone without the Chinese
customer. Christie said he might
have to go to Saigon in two or
three days in connexion with the
arms deal, but before leaving he
was particularly keen to "move"
some of the morphia.

At this interview, witness was
introduced to a Burmese whose
name was given as Ka Rin Din,
but who was always referred to
by Christie as "Mr. Kay." Wit-
ness did not know if this alterna-
tive name was connoted by the let-
ter "K," but at any rate it was
the form "Kay" which witness
used always in his secret corres-
pondence with the Director of
Criminal Intelligence. "Kay"
spoke good English.

The room in which witness
found himself, in the first floor of
No. 480, Nathan Road, was fitted
up after the fashion of a Chinese
business office, complete with writ-
ing materials. It was fenced off
from the rest of the floor by a
match-wood partition. Christie
conducted witness round the floor
on a tour of inspection. Before
bringing this interview to a ter-
mination, witness promised Chris-
tie that he would do his very best
to bring round his man the next
evening.

A Police Introduction.

On November 9, he received in-
structions to meet Sergeant Baker
at Glenealy. There witness was
introduced by the police to the
first witness, Au Yeung, and to-
gether with Au Yeung, witness
went over to 480 Nathan Road.
Not finding Christie there, they
repaired to Victoria Gardens, but
were again disappointed. Christie
was absent from his room, and
witness, before leaving, left a
note behind.

At noon, on the following day,
witness received a visit from
Blum, who handed him a letter
from Christie explaining why he
was unable to keep the appoint-
ment the evening before. Blum
also said that they had to see a
Chinese Colonel in connexion
with the arms deal, but
again to bring round the buyer.
Blum also said that Christie had
samples, but was very cautious
about producing them unless satis-
fied that he was dealing with a
bona fide buyer. Witness, in reply
to Mr. King, said that he under-

BATTERSEA'S PARSEE
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DANGEROUS AGITATOR.

London, Nov. 28.

In the House of Commons, Earl
Winterton stated that Mr. Saklat-
vala's passport to India was can-
celled because Mr. Saklatvala,
when in India early in the year,
had made speeches the nature of
which had led the Government of
India to apprehend a breach of
tranquillity if he returned to In-
dia.

These apprehensions were con-
firmed by the fact that Mr. Saklat-
vala after his return to England
wrote the preface to an anony-
mous pamphlet dwelling on the
use of force by the Chinese Na-
tionalists. This preface urged
Indians to go and do likewise.

Mr. Saklatvala had also, last
July, telegraphed, congratulating
an Indian who had recruited a
body of armed volunteers styled
"the Republican Army of Nag-
pur," and who was subsequently
convicted of sedition.—*Reuter*.

A HOTEL BAR BOYS'
LAPSE.

HARD LABOUR FOR THEFT
OF LIQUOR.

A bar boy of the Savoy Hotel
was charged before Major C.
Willson, this morning, with the
theft of eleven bottles of gin, one
bottle of brandy and a bottle of
whisky. His wife and his sister-in-
law were also charged in con-
nexion with the theft.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for
the defendants. He pleaded guilty
on behalf of the first defendant,
and asked his Worship to deal
leniently with him. He said that
by merely binding over the man,
the punishment would be quite
sufficient as he was sure to lose his
position.

His Worship passed sentence
of one month's hard labour, and
discharged the woman defendants.

SEAMAN'S ESTATE.

CONDITION AS TO WIFE'S
RE-MARRIAGE.

Probate of the will of To Sow-
ling, seaman, who died at Tang
Tau Village, Po On District,
Kwongtung Province on August
7th this year, has been granted to
his eldest brother, For Hing, of 23,
Connaught Road Central, also a
seaman. The local estate amounts
to \$1,200, but there are other prop-
erties in the country.

The will states that full power
be given to For Hing to administer
the estate and adds:—"If my wife
agrees to stay at home as a widow,
all family expenses shall be sup-
plied by my executor, but in the
event of my wife's re-marriage,
the estate in the country and
money deposited in Hongkong are
entirely to be given to my eldest
brother to enjoy."

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composer. 5. O'Neill, German composer. 6.
President Kruger. 7. Atlantic, Pacific,
Indian, Arctic, Antarctic. 8. Lt-General. 9.
The art of predicting by means of com-
munication with the dead; also magic and
enchantment. 10. A sea with many islands.
11. Johann Strauss (1825-1899). 12. The Beau-
tiful Blue Danube. 13. Jesus, because of his
skill as a charlatan. 14. Golf, horse racing,
law, tennis, sailing, chess, cricket, rugby
football.

stood "samples" referred to sam-
ples of morphia.

On Armistice Day, in the morn-
ing, witness received a call over-
the phone. The man at the other
end of the wire announced that
he was "Papa calling," and wit-
ness knew that he was Christie,
because Christie had used "Papa"
as a signature in one of his letters
to witness.

"A Prospective Buyer."
That same evening, witness
took Au Yeung along to 480 Nathan
Road, and introduced him to
Christie and Blum as Mr. Yee
Shiu-um, "a prospective buyer."
Witness told Christie that he was
the man promised, and that Chris-
tie could trust him as being a bona
fide buyer. To add a convincing
touch to the introduction, witness
also described Au Yeung as a
brother of a former pupil of
witness.

Au Yeung, according to a pre-
arranged plan, pretended to speak
only broken English, and Christie
used pidgin English in his remarks
to Au Yeung until the arrival of
the Burmese, who then acted as
interpreter.

Prices of morphia were mention-
ed, Christie first opening the deal
by a direct question to the bogus
buyer: "You want morphia?"
Prices were mentioned at \$600 a
kilo, and Christie in the course
of the subsequent bargaining did
not yield to urging from Au Yeung
to "make it cheap."

The hearing was adjourned at
this stage, until Thursday morning
at 11.30.
Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, for the
defence, said that he "should be
a very long time at my cross-
examination of this witness."

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